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uper Typhoon Hagibis focused much of its ferocity on the largely uninhabited Northern Islands very early Tuesday morning, grazing Anatahan Island before heading off on its destructive path toward Japan and leaving the CNMI without the destruction wrought by Super Typhoon Yutu nearly a year ago.

According to the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, Hagibis made its clos->> Saipan and

est point of approach to Anatahan Island around yesterday morning. The eye

itself passed just south of the island with the eyewall of wind and torrential rainfall directly passing over the island.

Hagibis may have already passed the CNMI by 5:30pm

yesterday but only Rota has been given the "All Clear" signal. Saipan and Tinian's Ty-

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under TC1

phoon Condition 1 readings have cancelled, been while Alamagan and Pagan are un-

der Typhoon Condition 1, and Agrihan is still under Tropical Storm Condition 1. The "All

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District Court reopens today

The U.S. District Court for the NMI was still closed yesterday due to Super Typhoon Hagibis but will reopen today, Wednesday, at 10am.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued yesterday

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ed Airlines—have resumed

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tor Christopher S.

Tenorio yesterday

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the second order regarding court closure due to Hagibis, which developed into a super typhoon Monday night.

The electronic filing system remained online.

The judge said the eye of Hagibis passed north of Saipan late Monday night and that damaging tropical storm force winds are expected to continue to affect Saipan throughout vesterday.

As of yesterday, Saipan was still on Typhoon Condition 1.

The District Court was closed Monday and was supposed to open yesterday.

With respect to the CNMI Judiciary, it remained closed yesterday. It will re-open today, Wednesday. (Ferdie de

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Trump OK's emergency declaration

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The White House approved yesterday the request of the CNMI government for an emergency declaration for wake of Super Typhoon gency conditions that Super

Hagibis, which knifed through the CNMI last Monday and Tuesday.

President Donald J. Trump declared the emergency in the CNMI and ordered federal assistance to supplement the Commonwealth in the the CNMI due to the emerTyphoon Hagibis brought.

The emergency declaration authorizes that Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief efforts to alleviate the hardship and

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flights to Saipan, according to >> No damage

All international flights at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport have resumed operations.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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As of 5:30pm, four incoming international flights-two

at airports, seaports

nt'l flights resume

Tenorio said Asiana, HK

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afternoon.

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Hagibis is third Cat. 5 to threaten Marianas in a year



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The barricade surrounding the Shell gas station in Koblerville that was still being repaired after being destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu last October 2018 was knocked down by Super Typhoon Hagibis.

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In a span of just 12 months, there have been three Category 5 super typhoons that have affected or threatened the Marianas: Super Typhoon

Yutu that hit Tinian and Saipan in October last year; Super Typhoon Wutip that hit Guam and Rota last February; and now, Super Typhoon Hagibis that affected Saipan, Tinian, and the Northern Islands this past Monday and Tuesday.

The islands have seen—especially from Yutu and, more recently, Hagibis—the effects tropical storms have on coastal areas as they become more intense.

In an article by Jonathan Erdman, senior meteorolo-

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Typhoon Hagibis set a record for its rapid rate of intensification from a tropical storm early Monday morning, to a Category 5 super typhoon by early Tuesday morning. This means that the maximum sustained windspeed of the storm increased by 100 miles per hour in just 24 hours.

Phil Klotzbach, tropical scientist at Colorado State University, also said Hagibis showed the strongest rapid intensification of any western Pacific tropical cyclone in at least 23 years.

Rapid intensification of tropical cyclones is becoming more frequent, most of it blamed on higher sea

for cyclones.

Several recent tropical cyclones have been noted for their rapid rates of intensification to Category 5 strength, including Hurricane Dorian that hit the Bahamas last month Hurricane Michael that hit Florida in October last year, Hurricane Patricia that hit Mexico in October 2015, and Super Typhoon Maria that affected several islands, including the Marianas, in July last year.

None of the forecast models, which are based on data from past storms, predicted that Hagibis would intensify as quickly as it did to Category 5 strength. Based on a

gist at weather.com, Super temperatures, which is food recent research by Massachusetts Institute of Technology hurricane scientist Kerry Emmanuel, such extreme rapid intensification could become even more frequent due to climate change.

In September, the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Congress advanced 10 bills aimed at combating climate change and protecting oceans and coasts from its effects, which included the Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act (H.R. 3541) which creates a Climate Change Adaptation Preparedness and Response Program, which Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) co-sponsored.

'We dodged a bullet'

By MARC A. VENUS

REPORTER

Super Typhoon Hagibis spared most of the CNMI from the destruction wrought by previous mega-storms like Soudelor and Yutu.

"We dodged a bullet," said one of the emergency evacuation shelter occupants.

Jim, whose name is withheld for privacy reasons, said that his house was destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu last October 2018. The place where he currently lives cannot sustain any pummeling from the bad weather, forcing him to move to an emergency shelter.

He said that he learned of the

opening of the emergency shelters through texts from IT&E and he took no chances. Jim said he was able to pack a couple of days' worth of clothing and food for his family of four.

"My wife and two kids have already experienced the trauma of losing our home right in front of our eyes. ... We don't want to take any more risks,"

Once he left the shelter, Jim learned that his family's home was safe. He said he and his family are just thankful that the typhoon did not destroy their home and can now go back with peace of mind.

Another interviewee, who also requested anonymity, said she is thankful that everyone was prepared for this typhoon.

"Once we got word of the typhoon over the weekend, we decided to go shop for all the necessary goods to prepare for something similar to [Super Typhoon] Yutu and it is great to see everyone prepare by getting gas, stocking up on supplies, and just praying for the best," she said.

She said that Typhoon Soudelor back in 2015 was a learning experience for everyone in the CNMI, while Super Typhoon Yutu was the standard set for everyone in terms of preparation. "I am thankful that Super Typhoon Hagibis...was not as harsh as [Super Typhoon] Yutu and it's great to see everyone get back to work," she said.





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Power Plant 1 is back, most areas have power

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was able to bring Power Plant 1 in Lower Base online late yesterday, providing power to most areas on Saipan.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho explained that they had to first assess the power plants before energizing the power grid, that they had to make sure that there were no breaches, like water getting into the power plants in Lower Base and in Puerto Rico.

As of 6pm yesterday, Power Plant 1 was up and running, while Power Plant 2 in Lower Base and Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico were on standby.

Earlier in the day, at 3:32pm, feeder one was back online, energizing all partials. Feeders 2, 3, 4, Kiya 1, Kiya 2, and Kiya 4 followed online, energizing most areas of the island.

Only Kiya 3 is offline, pending repairs. Kiya 3 covers Middle Road from Sugar King onward to Gualo Rai.

As for water, CUC tested all chlorine residuals from all 14 water tanks as of 2pm yesterday. Out of the 14 tanks, seven have met the chlorine residual requirements.

The As Matuis tank is online, providing water to As Matuis, San Roque, Tanapag, Achugao, and Lower Base.

The Puerto Rico tank is also online, servicing water in Puerto Rico, Lower Navy

CUC said all other tank service areas are being verified for chlorination level and that CUC is confirming that wells are in operation before opening the tanks to prevent draining and loss of water supply. Once cleared, CUC said, other tank service areas will go online.

In an interview, Camacho said the power outage Monday night did not go out in one single time.

"A lot of fluctuation out there last night. We were okay until the late evening when the winds started to pick up," added Camacho, saying that the power outage depended on the extent of the degree of the winds and how much damage the distribution system was incurring.

Camacho said the feeders tripped multiple times Monday at about 5:45pm. At that time, the winds were already becoming too challenging to do work in bucket trucks and becoming very dangerous for CUC's field personnel.

He said the line crews could not go out to do any repairs so they had to stay off until Tuesday morning until the winds receded.

As to the resumption of the power supply, Camacho said they had to start with the power plants, although they have been assessing both the field and the power plants. He said the source of electricity is the power plants, so they want to make sure that there the control room and in the engine room, where the generators are.

"This is critical that we remain vigilant, be very careful and ensure that the personnel are safe before we start energizing electricity in the power plants," he said.

Camacho said that once the power plant is clear, then that's when they can start supplying power to the feeders.

Camacho said a lot of information is coming in from the field and the extent of the damage out there. He said they must first assess the field because, if there are a number of power lines on the ground, they can't energize the feeders.

As of 9:30am yesterday, Camacho said, he has not seen any report about downed poles yet because the engineers are still out assessing the field and still collecting information.

He said water engineers are also preparing to review the water system and then start to open water wells in coordination with power.

Camacho said there was a confusion Monday about shutting down the water supply because of the reported schedule to turn off water at 3pm.

He said the water supply was shut down at 6:30pm Monday.



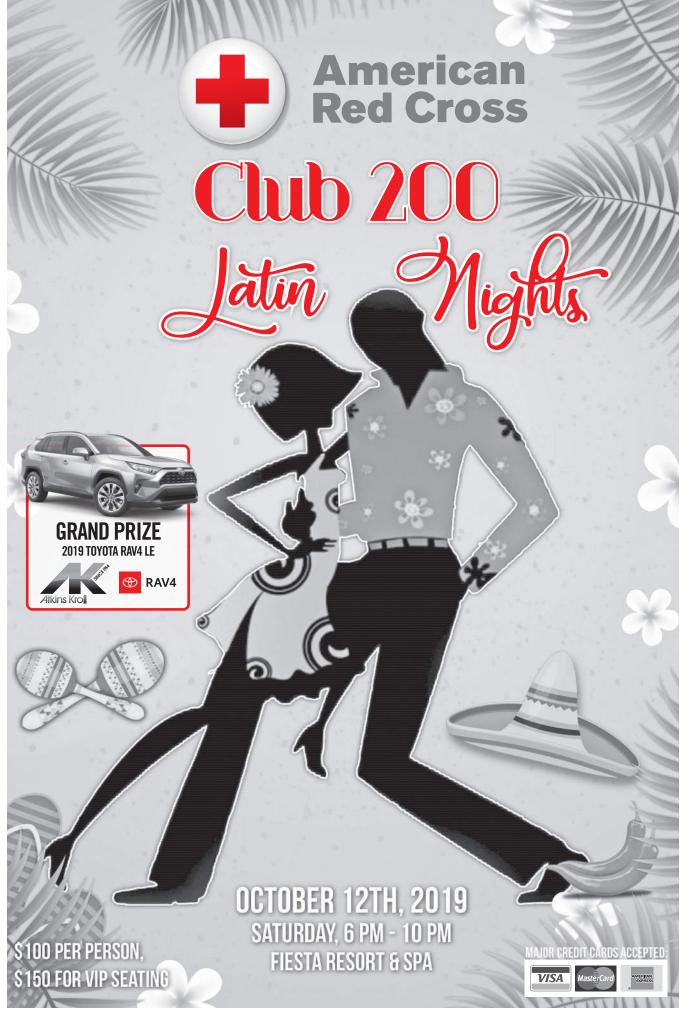


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A residential tent in Koblerville is knocked over by the strong gusts coming off Super Typhoon Hagibis. MARC A. VENUS



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Clear" declaration for Saipan and Tinian was expected to be declared by 8pm yesterday, should Hagibis continue to move away from the CNMI.

Hagibis' strongest winds of 160 miles per hour hit the CNMI at midnight to the early morning hours yesterday; however, the National Weather Service in Guam and the CNMI Emergency Operations Center said that winds of up to 155 mph were expected to continue throughout the day and subside by yesterday night or early this morning.

As of 5:30pm yesterday, Super Typhoon Hagibis was 275 miles northwest of Saipan, 270 miles northwest of Tinian, 305 miles north-northwest of Rota, 325 miles north-northwest of Guam, 215 miles west-southwest of Agrihan, 210 miles west of Pagan, and 215 miles west of Alamagan. Hagibis is currently moving northwest at 15 mph and is expected to make a turn toward the northwest with a decrease in forward speed by today, Wednesday.

Hagibis is a Tagalog term that means "swiftness."

Govt offices to reopen today

In anticipation of the "All

Clear" to be declared, the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced that government offices will reopen today, Oct. 9, 2019, and normal operations will resume.

"Governor Torres and I sincerely thank each and every first responder for their service these last few days, and we also thank every resident for staying informed through

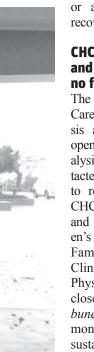
our updates and bulletins. We will be assessing our damages these next few days, so please report any damage accordingly," said acting governor Arnold I. Palacios in a statement.

Torres is currently off-island in Hawaii for prescheduled meetings with the U.S. Department of Defense.

PSS classes for Saipan and Tinian cancelled

today, Rota back to normal

PSS classes on Saipan and Tinian remain cancelled today, but employees who work at PSS offices are required to report for work today. Rota will resume classes and PSS office hours today. Saipan Community School announced that it will be resuming regular classes and office hours today.



NMC resumes classes today

The Northern Marianas College announced that it will be resuming regular office hours and classes today. Students are advised to communicate with instructors or supervisors regarding any scheduling changes. NMC asks everyone to extend additional flexibility to help students and employees who need additional time or assistance with typhoon recovery.

CHCC opens hemodialysis and chemotherapy units, no facility damages

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp.'s hemodialysis and chemotherapy units opened yesterday. Hemodialysis patients will be contacted by a hemodialysis staff to reschedule treatment. All CHCC administrative offices and clinical services, Women's Clinic, Children's Clinic, Family Care Clinic, WIC Clinic, Dental Clinic, and Physical Therapy remained closed yesterday. Saipan Tribune learned that the Commonwealth Health Center sustained no damage from the typhoon, but is still doing facility assessments. Saipan Tribune also learned that there

were no deliveries yesterday.

PSS provides update on shelters

As of 6pm yesterday, PSS reported the number of occupants in its respective evacuation shelters. Marianas High School had 73 individuals (consisting of 14 families) and Kagman High School had 75 (consisting of 20 families). Dandan Head Start closed at 9am, while San Vicente Elementary School closed its shelter at 3pm, Chalan Kanoa Head Start, Tanapag Middle School, and Koblerville Elementary School closed at 5pm, and, Tinian Elementary School closed its shelter at 6pm yesterday. Certain shelters are relocating families to the Saipan Aging Center.

Marine advisory

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm yesterday and a high surf advisory is in effect from 6pm yesterday until 10am on Friday. A high surf advisory means that high surf will affect beaches, producing localized beach erosion and dangerous swimming conditions. The public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, are advised to avoid sailing in these conditions.

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NMC classes cancelled yesterday

Classes at the Northern Marianas College that were scheduled for yesterday, Oct. 8, were canceled. NMC offices will also be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, to allow emergency response personnel to conduct assessments. (PR)

Banks reopen

The Saipan and Tinian branches of the Bank of Guam will reopen today, Oct. 9. The bank's Guam branches reopened at 11am yesterday, while its Rota branch reopened at 10am. (PR)

Bank of Hawaii's Gualo Rai Branch remains closed yesterday. It said the bank will continue to assess the status of its Saipan branch, and will update the public on branch closures and reopenings as Hagibis continues on its path. Call Center operations, based in Kapolei, Oahu, remain open to assist customers. Online and mobile banking services will continue to operate unless power interruptions are experienced. (PR)

NOTAM lifted

The NOTAM (notice to air-International Airport was

already available to receive traffic. As of press time, Jeju, T'WAY and United Airlines were set to resume flight operations. No other updates have been received. Star Marianas Air will be resuming its operations today, Oct. 9, 2019. **(PR)**

USPS closed yesterday

The U.S. Postal Service was closed yesterday. There was no mail delivery or pickup from its blue collection boxes or mail slots. In an announcement yesterday, it said that the Postal Service's decisions regarding the resumption of services will be guided by information and directives issued by local public safety officials. (PR)

USCIS Guam, Saipan offices closed yesterday

The offices of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Guam was closed all day yesterday. Same with USCIS office in Garapan on Saipan, which remained closed. Those who have interview or biometric appointments scheduled for Tuesday will be notified of new appointment dates.

For updates on USCIS office status, visit the USCIS office closings page of the USCIS website: www.uscis. gov. **(PR)**

UoG reopens

The University of Guam has reopened, and classes resumed yesterday afternoon beginning at 12:30pm. (PR)



Commonwealth Ports Authority personnel remove debris in the premises of the main exit of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday morning. No damage has been reported at the airport after Super Typhoon Hagibis passed north of Saipan yesterday at midnight. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

FLIGHTS

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Express, and China Eastern have also resumed operations.

He said Star Marianas Air will be resuming its operations today, Wednesday.

Tenorio said they had already completed their assessments of all CPA airports and seaports on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Following the assessments, he announced to all stakeholders and the public that normal operations are in effect for the airports and seaports in the CNMI.

As of yesterday morn-

ing, there was no damage to the facilities at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport due to Super Typhoon Hagibis.

Saipan Tribune chanced upon Tenorio and CPA deputy director Edward Mendiola checking the facilities at the airport and overseeing the clearing of debris at 8:30am.

At that time, Tenorio said they don't know any damage and that he was just about to send one of their personnel to the seaport to make an

At that time, Tenorio said they have not done an assessment at the airport yet because

the wind was still very strong. He said they would do that once the winds die down.

"But, so far, there is no damage to the airport. But we're [going to] confirm that as soon as we go out and do an assessment," Tenorio said.

With respect to vehicles parked at the airport, he said they are all secured and there have been no damage.

He said the main road leading to the entrance of the airport has fewer debris compared to previous typhoons.

"There were no trees that fell on the road. The road is pretty clear. Our guys are going out right now trying to

pick up all the branches on the main road," Tenorio said.

He said they are still waiting for other airlines to commit flying in because all flights were canceled Monday night.

"So, hopefully, the weather will cooperate today and they [flights] will start coming in later today," he said.

Tenorio said there are no jets at the airport, but only the planes of Star Marianas.

He said they are just waiting for the assessment if there is any damage to Star Marianas' planes.

"But I'm pretty sure everything is okay," Tenorio said.

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suffering caused by the super typhoon and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures.

"Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75% federal funding," the notice from the White House stated.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios asked Trump to declare the federal state of emergency in a letter Mon-

day afternoon, in anticipation of the impact of Super Typhoon Hagibis on Rota, Tinian, Saipan, Pagan, Alamagan, and Agrihan.

"The intensity and erratic movement of the storm threatens such destruction to public and private infrastructure that are partially being restored from the catastrophic damage (sic) of Super Typhoon Yutu less than a year ago. My request for the emergency declaration is to mobilize critical response resources into the Commonwealth given our location and the time and distance from the mainland," Palacios noted in the letter. "I have determined this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is

beyond the capabilities of the Commonwealth government and supplemental federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, and to lessen the effects of this impending calamity, acting governor continued, requesting for public assistance emergency protective measures and direct federal assistance, including Department of Defense strategic airlift, mass care, and sheltering commodities.

Super Typhoon Hagibis threaded its way through the Northern Islands via Anatahan, with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph and typhoon-force winds extending outward from the center

up to 65 miles. Tropical stormforce winds extended outward from the center up to 205 miles to the north and up to 155 miles to the south in a bulletin update from the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management agency at 11:30pm, Oct. 7, 2019.

The super typhoon, according to an update bulletin from the HSEM, published 2:15pm yesterday, was already moving away from the Marianas, although typhoon condition I remained for Saipan, Tinian, Alamagan, and Pagan.

The HSEM lifted the tropical storm condition I for Rota in their 11:30am update bulletin and declared the "All Clear" condition for Rota in their 2pm bulletin.

men) for the Saipan Air Traffic Control Tower was lifted yesterday. With that, the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A Rota senator is seeking similar opportunities for Rota cadets at the Northern Marianas College to earn college credits upon completing the police academy course.

Noting that Saipan and Tinian cadets receive 39 college credits from NMC's criminal justice program as part of their structured curriculum, Sen. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) told Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero in a letter dated Aug. 12, 2019, that she wishes the same opportunity for Rota cadets.

"The credits earned met more than half of the requirement to obtain an associate degree in criminal justice, which will greatly encourage and provide a solid footing [for police cadets] to continue to pursue their undergraduate degree. I would like to afford the same opportunity to the Rota cadets that recently graduated from the Rota Police Academy," she told Guerrero.

"The importance of ensuring that all our law enforcement officers be at par when graduating from our academies will greatly prepare them to face the daily

challenges and help reassure the CNMI public that all our officers stand ready to enforce our laws and to serve and protect our people," she added in her letter.

When sought for comments over the weekend, the DPS commissioner noted that the department sees this as a "serious issue" and is trying to work with the college.

"...This issue with the Rota officers is a serious issue as it places them below the standard set to become a police officer. With that said, their report-writing skills and other skills that have to go before our judicial process may be below standards needed when prosecuting cases," Guerrero told Saipan Tribune.

The commissioner further noted that the past four police academy cycles on Saipan have been accredited by NMC through their Criminal Justice Program.

"We are currently working with our NMC partners and [Santos], of course, in remedying this situation to ensure these officers are brought up to the standards that have been set forth so they will all be in the same level of qualification and training as other CNMI police officers," he noted.

College credits sought for Rota cadets | Hiker: We had permission to go to Aguiguan

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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One of the four hikers who reportedly found the corpse of the coconut rhinoceros beetle with a detached head on Aguiguan Island said they had permission to be on the island.

Sophia Perez reached out to Saipan Tribune to clarify that their group, which included Vladislav Melnik, Analee Villagomez, and one more female hiker whose handwriting was undecipherable, had received approval to enter Aguiguan on Sept. 26, 2019, with Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan's signature.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente earlier said that Perez and her group did not have permission to enter Aguiguan, citing information from the Tinian mayor.

The interview with Benavente was held Friday afternoon. Immediately after, Saipan Tribune reached out to the Tinian mayor for verification but calls to his personal number weren't connecting at the time.

Perez and her group, according to Benavente, found the corpse of a coconut rhino beetle on Aguiguan, also known as the Goat Island,

hiker's group reported the matter to DLNR and turned over the specimen.

Benavente noted that Aldan called DLNR to organize a trip to Aguiguan. The group, which would be composed of individuals trained in quarantining coconut rhinoceros

with its head detached. The beetles, would set for the island sometime this week, Benavente said.

> Benavente said a Saipan and Tinian team would be going toward the hiking group's resting spot on the island where the specimen was found and was specifically pinpointed by the group to see if there

are live specimens in the area, since the one the group earlier found was already dead.

Coconut rhinoceros beetles breed on a coconut's upper cone, killing the tree in the process. A female coconut rhino beetle can lay as much as 50 eggs. They are considered pests.



HAGIBIS AFTERMATH

Super Typhoon Hagibis knocks down part of the Northern Marianas College's barricade yesterday that surrounded a building that Super Typhoon Yutu destroyed in October 2018 and is set to be demolished as part of NMC's recovery efforts.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-029

MAUI 4 WATER TANK DEMOLITION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified contractors for the demolition of the Maui 4 Water Tank located in Sadog Tasi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the

 $Prospective\ Bidders\ must\ pre-register\ with\ the\ CUC\ Procurement\ \&\ Supply\ Division.\ The\ Bid\ Package\ may\ be\ obtained\ from\ the\ CUC\ Procurement\ and\ Supply\ Office,\ 3rd\ Floor,\ Room\ No.\ 3,\ Joeten\ Dandan\ Commercial\ Building,\ Saipan,\ between\ 7:30$ a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on October 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-029 Maui 4 Water Tank Demolition", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, and the security depositcertified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 15, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Acting Drinking Water/Wastewater Manager, Yvonne Cabrera via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician, Senior via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO **Executive Director**

MANNY BOYER SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator**



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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-040

Waste characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Waste characterization and disposal - CUC Saipan power plant 1 and Rota power plant 2 and plant, the Commonwealth of the Northern . Mariana Islands

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No.2 (SO 2).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A mandatory site visit and pre-bid meeting is scheduled on October 10, 2019 at 10.00am (ChST) at CUC Power Plant 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB-19-040: Waste Characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 29, 2019 at 10.00 AM (ChST) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be consider

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 14, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Pranhakara, Utility Coordinator/ ATMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY BOYER SABLAN Purchasing Administrator

DEDEDO, Guam—The Marines of the Marine Corps Activity Guam are proud to announce, for the 10th straight year, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is now underway in the Marianas.

For the fifth year in the CNMI and 10th year in Guam, toy boxes were being delivered to participating organizations and businesses last week to begin the annual nationwide toy drive.

"Every year since the program began in the Marianas we've had a record setting year, and for the 10th year we are hoping for it to be even more successful," said SSgt. John Ewald, assistant Toys for Tots coordinator, Marine Corps Activity Guam. "Seeing the happiness in children's faces when they receive a toy for Christmas reminds you every child deserves to experience joy this time of year."

Last year over 8,000 toys were collected in Guam and more than 2,000 in the CNMI, all going to children in Guam, Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

While Toys for Tots is co-

Toys for Tots turns 10 in the Marianas



Marines with Marine Corps Activity Guam, along with members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, pose for a photo during the Toys for Tots kickoff on Saipan on Oct. 3, 2019. This is the third year Toys for Tots has partnered with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Saipan Young Professionals.

ordinated and organized by the Marine Corps, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys. "Marines have a saying that we take care of our own and we are proud to be a part of a community that shares this same value," said Col. Bradley Magrath, officer in charge, Marine Corps Activity Guam. "We are appreciative of the partnerships that continue to make this program successful year after year."

If you would like to donate

to Toys for Tots it is as simple as dropping a new, unwrapped toy to one of the many businesses or organizations who have volunteered to be dropoff locations. A complete list of locations in Guam can be found at the Marine Corps Activity Guam Facebook page, @ USMCGuam. For a list of locations on Saipan, contact the Saipan Young Professionals by email at administrator@saipanchamber.com.

Toys for Tots, a 72-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime. It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community.

Last year the Marine Toys for Tots Program fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7 million less fortunate children in 800 communities nationwide. Since 1947 over 258 million children have been assisted. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org. (*PR*)



Marines with Marine Corps Activity Guam start collecting toys at the kickoff of Toys for Tots in Guam on Sept. 26, 2019. This is the 10th year of the Toys for Tots program in Guam.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Marines with Marine Corps Activity Guam start delivering Toys for Tots boxes to local businesses that have signed up to help collect toys across the island. This is the 10th year of the Toys for Tots program in Guam.

McDonald's donates \$5K to ARC fundraiser pick up here propriet a propriet and the proprie

McDonald's Saipan executive secretary Mable Ayuyu, third from left, helps present a check to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, fourth from right, as donation for its Club 200 fundraiser, last Friday at the McDonald's Middle Road branch.

By IVA MAURIN

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McDonald's Saipan donated \$5,000 last Friday to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter for its 2019 Club 200 fundraiser that is happening this Saturday, Oct.12, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.

The fundraiser is the NMI Chapter's 30th annual event.

"We are just really excited to have McDonald's again is one of our major donors," ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh said. "They have been there for us annually during our fundraising events, especially this past year, during [Super] Ttyphoon Yutu."

When Yutu happened in late October 2018, McDonald's Saipan stepped up and donated a lot of food to people that were vulnerable and in need, Hirsh said, and donated a tremendous amount of financial resources to the Red Cross. The resources enabled the Red Cross to help the families that were impacted by the storm.

McDonald's also feels a "deep connection and feeling" to the Red Cross.

"Without any questions, we always jump at the opportunity to donate to the Red Cross," McDonald's Saipan executive secretary Mable Ayuyu said. "We have been doing it for so many years, because not only do they help the community, but they [also] personally touched the lives of our employees especially during the past two super typhoons."

Ayuyu added that McDonald's Saipan is grateful to donate to the Red Cross again. "We always look forward to [Club 200]. They always put on a really, really great and fun event.

"We hope the community goes out and support them, because they are not just raising funds for the Red Cross, but raising funds to help out every single person [in the CNMI]," she added.

This year's Club 200, themed "Latin Nights," celebrates the diversity of all the countries in Latin America. There will be a salsa and costume contests, as well as other fun activities. This year's grand prize is a brand new 2019 RAV4 LE donated by Atkins Kroll Saipan.

Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP tickets, and are available at all Joeten locations, Herman's Bakery, AK Toyota, or call the chapter at 234-3459 for a list of sellers near you.

Beverage cans among top 3 coastal wastes in CNMI

REPORTER

The results of a coastal cleanup revealed a quite sad surprise—that here in the CNMI, beverage cans rank third in trash collected along the coast.

This was an unwelcome surprise since beverage cans are not even included in the worldwide statistics of the top 10 most collected trash, as issued by the Ocean Conservancy during the International Coastal Cleanup last September.

Cigarette butts rank first, with microplastics, or plastic pieces less than 2.5 cm, as second.

ICC coordinator Colleen

Flores of the Coastal Resources Management of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality said that this could be due to a number of things.

"It is interesting to see that beverage cans are our top three [and] is the third most collected item [in the CNMI]," Flores said. "This could be due to a

number of things. It could be from maybe picnic, some parties on the beach, on illegal dumping, or, just people maybe throwing their cans out there."

While the cigarette butts did not come as a surprise, it is mostly a "city" trend that is making its way to the islands. Worldwide, cigarette butts

some root crops. It's all going

to be for the entire public, for

whoever is there, to be able to

Members of the community

taste our traditional food."

rank as the top collected item islands. And it's not just the isduring the ICC.

"The problem with cigarette butts is that a lot of people think that it's a very small thing, and that it will be gone in like five to 10 years. But the problem with that is that there is just so much cigarette butts that are littering the little

Indigenous Affairs Office resi-

dent director Roman Tudela,

Jr. leads the discussion at the

IAO Office Wednesday with

representatives of the Caro-

linian Affairs Office. Marianas Visitors Authority, Lady Diann

Torres Foundation, and De-

partment of Community and

Cultural Affairs, as they pre-

pare for the Indigenous Cul-

tural Expo that will happen this

Oct. 14, Monday, from 9am to

3pm at the Guma Sakman at the Civic Center in Susupe.

who will be at the expo are

also invited to join and enjoy

the traditional fiesta (feast).

Beginning at 3pm, traditional

food such as root crops, roast

pigs, beef, cooked fish, and

the expo, contact the IAO Of-

For more information about

others will be served.

fice at 664-2664.

lands, it's worldwide."

Flores also emphasized that while it is good that "we are picking up trash, and every year, we are picking up more and more trash," this just also means that there are more and more trash in the ocean and the environment.

BECQ-CRM is appealing to the community to be mindful not just of the way people dispose of trash, but also of the things being used and consumed every day. Flores reminds everybody that simple consistent actions are what it takes to keep the CNMI clean.

"Dispose of your trash properly. Use reusable products, like reusable shopping bags, reusable beverage containers, reusable straws," Flores said.

We also always tell people to be mindful of what they are consuming. So when going shopping or going to the store, try to steer away from packaged foods, get something in a glass bottle, or something that can be recycled."

The CNMI, during the 2019 International Coastal Cleanup, had 1,617 volunteers, adopted 76 cleanup locations, and successfully documented and removed a total weight of 9,427 lbs—or 4.7 tons—of trash and marine debris.

Indigenous expo to highlight culture, traditions

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Experience Chamorro and Carolinian traditions as the CNMI celebrates the 3rd Annual Indigenous Cultural Expo this Oct. 14, Monday, from 9am to 3pm at the Guma Sakman at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Held as part of the islands' celebration of Commonwealth Cultural Day on Oct. 14, the expo will feature cultural demonstrations by different organizations and companies. The expo committee has been busy for the past few weeks deliberating on the best way to showcase indigenous culture to the community, especially among children.

"It is a holiday and we are encouraging [children] to be exposed to our culture," said Roman Tudela Jr., Indigenous Affairs Office resident director. "That is why we have this event—as an educational venue on our culture. This is why we have all this demonstrators available for them. It is Commonwealth Cultural Day, so it

Voting is now open for the

Residents can visit www.ite.

net to listen to the Top 8 final-

ists and vote for their favorite

The Top 8 finalists were

selected by a panel of judges

made up of IT&E and mu-

sic experts in the CNMI and

IT&E Song Challenge Peo-

ple's Choice award!

to win cash and prizes.



is very fitting for us to do this event on this day.'

The expo committee includes representatives of the Office of the Governor, the Indigenous Affairs Office, the Carolinian Affairs Office, the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Commonwealth of Arts and Culture, Impe-

for People's Choice is Sunday,

Oct. 13. IT&E will announce

the winner on Oct. 17, 2019 on

its Facebook, Instagram and

The winner of the IT&E

Song Challenge People's

Choice will win \$500 in cash

and a \$300 gift certificate for

musical equipment. The art-

ist or group will also get the

opportunity to perform at an

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rial Pacific (CNMI) LLC, and 500 Sails.

The expo will showcase seafaring traditions, traditional food and medicines (with free tastings), traditional coconut products and usage, native agricultural techniques, bull cart ride (free rides), cultural performances, and language and culture.

"We will be putting out food that we prepare during that day for everybody," Tudela said. "There's going to be some fish, we're going to have

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

VICTOR BABAUTA CASTRO, Petitioner, FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0430 VS. LORALIE JENNETH SUMMONS TOMINES SANCHEZ. Respondent.

TO: LORALIE JENNETH TOMINES SANCHEZ

YOU ARE HERERY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce, which is served herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of Michael Norita Evangelista, LLC., Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it the Clerk of the above-named Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

f you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of this Court, dated 24th day of

/s/ Clerk of Court

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The last day to submit votes IT&E-sponsored event. (PR)

Voting now open for IT&E's

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 18, 2019

TIME: 10:00 AM

<u>"Lease vehicle - commonwealth healthcare corporation</u> EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC)"]

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER /S/ CORAZON P. ADA

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-037

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR **ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements
- or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.

 Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st
- of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.

 Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report Provide an electronic copy (e.g., pdf format) of the final report to the CUC

The date of contract award will be no later than November 22, 2019. Auditors are responsible to review the 2019, 2020 & 2021 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-037, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the submission, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 30, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address greg.cruz@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CHC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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1,200 veterans needed to push clinic in Marianas

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is urging veterans to sign up and register with the Veterans Health Association, in an effort to push for the establishment of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in the Marianas.

The CBOB issue was raised during the Veterans' Listening Session on Monday at the American Memorial Park that was jointly organized by Sablan's office and Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA), who chairs the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

CBOCs are implemented by the Veterans Health Association to make health care access easier for veterans, where they could be provided with outpatient services, as well as health and wellness visits.

"It is my intention for veterans to get the benefits, the full service that they deserve, that they have earned," Sablan said.

Two years ago, Sablan's office organized five resource fairsz—three on Saipan, and one each on Tinian and Rota, to get veterans to register and



learn about the CBOC.

"Unfortunately, we have a little less than 500 individuals who are signed up and actively using the health administration services, and the formula is that

we need 1,200 for a CBOC to be feasible," Sablan added.

As the VHA continues to expand its network of CBOCs to include more rural locations, Sablan, who is a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, has been pushing for the CBOC for veterans in the CNMI.

In an earlier report, Sablan mentioned that veterans should have a place of their own that they can go to for care, highlighting the fact that while the CNMI has one of the highest per capita recruitment rates in the nation, the islands do not have the services that

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) listens to the issues raised by CNMI veterans who braved Super Typhoon Hagibis to raise concerns, mostly on health services, at the Veterans' Listening Session held Monday at the American Memorial Park.

the veterans need when they come home

Due to Super Typhoon Hagibis, congressional delegation members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee had to leave the island Sunday, the day before the scheduled Veterans' Listening Session.

Sablan, however, assured the veterans that the committee members will be back to hear their concerns.

Sablan's congressional staff were also present at the listening session to take notes and document all the issues that came up during the session, which would be brought back to the committee for action.

For more information about the congressional office's veterans registration drive, contact veterans case worker Randy Johnson at 323-2647 or email randy.johnson@mail. house.gov.

Community comes together in Day of Unity for domestic violence survivors

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The Saipan community came together Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base for the 2019 Day of Unity, to spread awareness of domestic violence in the CNMI, as part of the observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The event was organized by Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence as a way for the community to stand together to help all domestic violence survivors and victims, who may not feel that they can access services provided for them.

"Survivors, victims of domestic violence, need us to all be on the same page about the issue," said NMCADSV executive director Maisie B. Tenorio. "We want to gather the community to provide that education about domestic violence and make sure that we're all on the same page, because I don't think anybody out there will say domestic violence is a good thing, or we want domestic violence to continue."

Last year, the Office of the Attorney General prosecuted 73 cases of domestic violence. This was on top of the 239 calls received by the Department of Public Safety regarding domestic abuse.

The Day of Unity gathered service providers in the community, such as the Women's Affairs Office, CNMI Youth Affairs, Garrett Lee Smith



Felicidad Ogumoro, seated, administrator of the Commonwealth Women's Association, provides information and support services to the participants of the 2019 Day of Unity, held Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base, as part of the observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Suicide Prevention Program, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, among others, to make information about their services accessible to the public.

 $Tenorio\,said\,that\,NMCADSV$ wants to make sure that all survivors will know that support is there for them.

"Survivors who may have disabilities, survivors who may not speak English, survivors who may have immigrated here, who maybe don't have status, we want to make sure that we are reaching out to everyone,

and they know that all of these people [service providers] are united for their safety, and [are available to help them."

The Day of Unity also served as a venue for the community to bring positivity to survivors. With "Survivor Strong" as the theme, this year's campaign focused on shining a light on survivors, men or women, who have experienced domestic violence, or who are living with domestic violence.

"This year's campaign is to let survivors know that we be-

lieve in them, we see them, we know the struggles, we know that it takes a lot of strength to live a life of domestic violence, that we're here for them to celebrate that strength that they have," Tenorio added.

For more information about supporting survivors, call the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at 234-3878, the Family Violence Task Force at 664-4584, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline website at thehotline.org.

CUC advises public to boil water first

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. issued a "boil water" health advisory to its water customers yesterday in the wake of Super Typhoon Hagibis.

It said the glancing blow from the typhoon has disrupted the water supply and/ or distribution system and the risk of contamination by coliform bacteria is uncertain.

"This emergency boil water advisory is intended to inform the public of the status of the drinking water supply and what can be done to reduce the health risks. If tap water is to be used for drinking purposes, consumers are strongly advised to boil water before use," the CUC statement said.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- BOIL TAP WATER BEminute, then let cool before using, or use bottled water as an alternative. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Purpose of the boiling process is to kill bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- This boil water health advisory is in effect immediately to all residents of Saipan and Tinian. If you

are experiencing stomach ache, diarrhea, or vomiting, please see your physician as soon as possible. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

CUC will continue to monitor chlorine residual throughout the distribution system and ensure that proper treatment is achieved. Water samples will be collected to analyze for the presence of coliform bacteria and E. coll. CUC will inform you when tests show no bacteria and no longer require water to be boiled.

CUC encourages its wa-FORE USE. Bring all water ter customers to share this to a boil, let boil for one information with all other consumers, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

For more information, contact the CUC Call Center at (670) 664-4282. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available on the United States EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. (PR)

Post-Hagibis Sights



A car creates a splash as it makes its way past a patch of flooded road in Tanapag.



The tin fence at a construction site in San Roque got knocked down by the strong winds of Super Typhoon Hagibis.



KEVIN CALIBO

The strong winds of Super Typhoon Hagibis knocks down a tin fence at the contruction site of Imperial Pacific Resort.



The wind brought by the tail end of Super Typhoon Hagibis whips up strong waves near the Smiling Cove Marina. Managaha Island is shown in the background.

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Coastal erosion caused by Super Typhoon Hagibis muddies the water near the Smiling Cove Marina.

The Smiling Cove Marina dock served as a safe refuge for boats during Super Typhoon Hagibis.

A stretch of the road across the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Power Plant 1 is flooded in the wake of Super Typhoon Hagibis.



KEVIN CALIBO

The road at the intersection of Jonny's Bar & Grill is flooded in the wake of Super Typhoon Hagibis.



Floods inundate many parts of Saipan in the wake of Super Typhoon Hagibis.



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Despite hurricane devastation, Bahamas should not deport Haitians to a dysfunctional country

he Bahamas, for decades, has made clear that its Haitian residents, especially the undocumented, are not welcome. They are unfairly stigmatized, ostracized and bad-mouthed. But this is the worst time for the country to resume its iron-clad immigration policy of deporting Haitians who have been living in the Bahamas illegally.

In September, after Hurricane Dorian brought utter devastation to Grand Bahama Island and Abaco Island, Prime Minister Hubert Minnis declared that deportations would be suspended, a justified respite. Last week, though, he announced they would resume.

Obviously, the trauma of being deported before the hurricane to a dysfunctional Haiti—rocked by corruption, protests, an ineffectual government, a flummoxed president, food scarcity, rampant unemployment and even tent cities still inhabited almost a decade after the 2010 earthquake—pales in comparison to barely surviving Dorian's deadly ferocity and then being kicked out of the country, perhaps still unsure if relatives are dead in the debris or alive somewhere.

Michelle Karshan, who runs a disaster-recovery program for children in Haiti, told the Editorial Board, "There's been no national budget for (two) years, there's a huge movement for the president to step down, hospitals and schools are not open and there are upwards of (30,000) internally displaced people since the earthquake.

"It's an impossibility to resettle people into Haiti now."

Deportations, no doubt, will resume. However, it is particularly cruel to do so at this time. This is the same argument that the Editorial Board has made in recommending that the United States continue to extend Temporary Protected Status to Haitians who fled here after the 2010 earthquake.

Of course, they are here legally, able to work and put down roots, however tentative. But Haiti is in no shape to receive those in the United States, either. And because they send remittances to relatives back home, ejecting them also cuts a financial lifeline.

Haitians Bahamians, likewise, contribute to the economy. Why can't even the undocumented continue to do so, participating in efforts to rebuild the islands, earning money while doing so?

The Bahamas is a sovereign nation with the right to legislate its immigration policies as it sees fit. But the government's restrictions on Haitian residents' ability to return to communities such as the Mudd and Sandbanks by banning any rebuilding, after they've been sequestered in shelters, sounds like a land grab, an attempt to get rid of a population that was never welcome in the first place.

As with any immigrant population, Haitian Bahamians have settled there for decades, creating families. Some have children who became citizens, some have offspring who are stateless because they failed to apply for citizenship be-

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I am a diver. And I am running out of time

early 20 years ago, I led a National Geographic diving team that made the first cave dives inside the largest floating piece of ice ever seen on our planet. The B-15 iceberg had calved from an ice shelf in Antarctica, and we were moved to explore the inside of what was regarded as a potential harbinger of global climate change. While I wrote the script for the accompanying documentary film, "Ice Island," people cautioned me not to use politically charged terms such as "climate change" and "sea level rise."

Scientists recently announced that the polar ice is collapsing faster than predicted. And every week, the headlines are filled with new warnings of accelerating ocean level rise. Climate change is happening. I have dived and documented it firsthand for decades. How we plan for it and adapt to it in the next few years will determine the future of our civilization. That's what draws me to scuba dive under the ice in the northern reaches of my homeland, Canada.

According to the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center, the Arctic is transforming more rapidly than anywhere else on Earth, with temperatures rising at twice the rate seen elsewhere. I am caught up by the urgency to document Earth's fragile ice-covered geography—the cryosphere—hoping that my work will bring attention to the vulnerable, fleeting ice. Nobody can be certain when the Arctic sea ice will be gone, but scientists agree that we are on a precarious downward spiral. The loss of nearly all Arctic sea ice in late summer seems inevitable, and an ice-free Arctic Ocean will probably arrive in decades, if not sooner.

For the last two years, my Arctic expeditions have been undertaken earlier each season. The frozen surface of the Northwest Passage that provides the base for our summer camps melts sooner each succeeding year. Even more worrying is that the ice is thinner each year. The Inuit call the sea ice "the land" because it offers freedom to travel, visit family, hunt and pass along cultural practices to the next generation. Time on "the land" is shorter and more dangerous every year. Will the Inuit have to abandon their traditional wooden sleds, called gamutiks, and snowmobiles for small boats?

The complex Arctic food web is declining with the shrinking sea ice, disrupting the tenuous balance of food security for marine life and people alike. For a society that has always lived in balance with nature, permafrost melting, sea level rise, erosion and an increase in stormy weather pose risks. With the Arctic becoming more navigable and accessible, resource speculation is on the rise. Oil, gas and shipping industries are jockeying to snag new routes and drilling rights in the open water. These activities will indelibly alter the complexion of the Arctic and bring new threats to an otherwise pristine sanctuary.

On a recent Arctic expedition, I got a firsthand look at the transient nature of the melting pack. Pouring rain created shindeep rivers that ran through our tents in camp. While traveling on the ice, the qamutik sled hooked to my guide's snowmobile swung sideways, spraying a rooster tail of slush in the way that a boat creates a wake. We turned abruptly to run alongside a wide crack in the ice. A mile closer to shore, we found a spot where our snowmobile could bridge the gap. My guide unhooked the

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qamutik and revved the engine to full speed, then flew across the open water to the other side. He threw us a rope and pulled the longer sled across.

We resumed the race to a pinnacle on the horizon—an iceberg that had broken free from the glaciers of Greenland and traveled across the Davis Strait to become locked in the sea ice. A small strip of open water near the berg showed that this frozen monument was struggling to be released from the grips of the ice floe. Freshwater cascaded down the face of the ice in streaming rivulets that furrowed the surface in vertical channels. We needed to dive immediately. The berg was an ideal spot for an exploration dive, but it wouldn't last long before breaking away and melting into the ocean.

I settled in the water and pushed away the slush that obscured my view, dropping through a blurry zone of mixing fresh and saltwater. Long runners of algae flapped horizontally in the current, held fast to the undersurface of the ice. This algae and other nutrients contained in the ice will feed the phytoplankton and zooplankton that serves as the base of the Arctic food chain. Bottom dwellers such as anemones, sponges and halibut will, in turn, feed other fish and marine mammals such as belugas, narwhal and bowhead whales.

The surface of the ice was dimpled and fluted, carved by the undersea currents that pulled my safety rope taut. Descending along the bluish frozen facade, I observed virtual layers of time that could date this ice back 10,000 or more years. Each stripe represents a season of snowfall on Greenland. Some strips were transparent, others filled with gray dust, perhaps evidence of some ancient volcanic eruption. Small air bubbles within the ice fizzed and drifted upward.

Deeper, a colorful carpet of orange kelp draped itself over a miniature garden of crustaceans and sponges. I looked upward in the glaciated cathedral to see my dive partner falling toward me on a silver stream of bubbles.

I am grateful for the opportunity to preserve images of this endangered kingdom, but what will happen to the people and animals of the North?

Within 24 hours of our dive, the giant monument of ice we explored broke away from the floe edge and started its journey south. Within weeks it would tumble, turn and dissolve, leaving a wake of nutrients and fresh water and adding to the slow rise of the world's oceans.

And then it would be gone forever.

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The enduring legacy of 'the Nicholas Effect'

ou may remember the story of how my young son, Nicholas, was killed. Many people do. My wife, Maggie, and I and our two children were on vacation, traveling at night on a divided highway in southern Italy when a car with two masked men pulled up alongside us. One waved a pistol and yelled at us to stop.

We got away—but not before they fired several shots. One hit 7-year-old Nicholas in the head. Mercifully, his 4-year-old sister, Eleanor, asleep beside him, was unhurt.

Later we would learn that the assailants had planned to rob us, mistaking our rented car with its Rome license plates for one delivering jewelry.

For two dreadful days Nicholas was in a coma. He was then declared brain-dead.

He died 25 years ago Oct. 1.

Since that day, of course, nothing has been the same. I have never again tousled his hair or heard him say, "Good night, Daddy."

Our only solace is the decision we made to donate his organs and corneas. They went to five terminally ill Italians—some on the edge of death, four of them teenagers—and to two adults who were going blind.

Five of the recipients are still alive.

Nicholas' heart would beat in the chest of another for 23 years. When the 15-year-old boy received it, he barely had the strength to walk across a room.

The far-reaching and long-lived consequences of our decision to donate his organs have astonished us.

In the 10 years following Nicholas' death, the rate of organ donation in Italy tripled. No other country has come anywhere near that growth rate. The phenomenon was given a name: the Nicholas Effect.

Letters arrived from all over the world and every corner of society, from admirals and pacifists, football players and gardeners. Believers saw the hand of God and nonbelievers the power of humanity. Young children, who do not even know what a transplant is, know that a little boy did something good and they want to do something good too. The elderly are thrilled to learn they can still do something that important.

Dr. Tom Starzl, often referred to as "the father of transplantation," wrote to say, "you and your family have done more for organ donation than anyone else I know."

People around the world were suddenly aware that if someone



Organ donation leaps the barriers between us.

DREAMSTIME/TNS

they loved died of a brain injury, they could save three or four families on average from devastation by choosing to give.

Almost immediately after Nicholas was killed, a town in Sicily named a prominent square after him. What an honor, we thought. But that was just the beginning.

More than a hundred streets, parks, playgrounds, bicycle paths and my favorite, a bridge, are named for Nicholas. We are no longer surprised when young men and women step out of a crowd to say they went to the Nicholas Green school in that town.

Maria Pia Pedala was 19 years old and in a coma when she received his liver. She quickly regained health, married and four years later had a baby boy. She named him Nicholas. Now tall and handsome, he is fit enough in a family with a history of liver disease to have been accepted for training as a noncommissioned officer in the Italian navy.

Italian families still name their children after Nicholas, and with the American spelling instead of the traditional Nicolas. I always hope people they meet will ask them how they got their names.

We did interviews everywhere—with Oprah Winfrey, Buddhist television stations in Taiwan, radio stations in Venezuela, magazines in Poland, and so on. We wrote articles that appeared in publications such as the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Times of India, Boys' Life and major newspapers.

So that I would never forget everything that happened—and to encourage other families to donate organs—I wrote a book called "The Nicholas Effect." It was the basis for a late 1990s

By REG GREEN

Los Angeles Times

Reg Green, 90, is author of The Nicholas Effect and advocates for organ donation as president of the Nicholas Green Foundation.



made-for-television movie, "Nicholas' Gift," starring Jamie Lee Curtis, that has been viewed by tens of millions of people worldwide. I can't see how anyone can watch that movie and remain indifferent to organ donation.

At the Winter World Transplant Games, an Olympic-type event open only to organ recipients, children from around the world compete in an event called the Nicholas Cup. They learn to race in a week, often with a panache that seems almost lordly given their previous conditions. It's one more lesson that a transplant does not just prolong life but transforms it.

In almost every country, donated organs fall short of the need. Every day in the U.S., 20 people die waiting for a transplant. Yet everywhere there is a disparity between people who say they are in favor of donating and those who actually do. It's understandable. These families are coping with sudden death—from a car accident, violence, a stroke—and must make a decision there and then about an issue they probably have never seriously thought about. For many it is just too much.

Saving lives is the most obvious result of any decision to donate. But there are less tangible benefits that testify to the strength of the human spirit. Organ donation leaps the barriers between us: The hearts of black women beat inside white women—and vice versa. Muslims are breathing through Jewish lungs—and vice versa. And, as I always like to remind audiences, some Republicans now see the world through Democratic corneas—and vice versa.

One young woman in Rome wrote to us not long after we lost Nicholas. "Since your son has died my heart is beating faster," she said. "I now think people, common persons, can change the world. When you go to the little graveyard place, please say this to him. 'They closed your eyes but you opened mine.' '

When I am missing Nicholas more than usual, I like to think of sentiments like that.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The 'actual' first female BTS canine handler

I was surprised to see this article mentioning Leonora Aldan Blas as the CNMI's first and only brown tree snake canine handler. Were you not aware of Maria Onni, the "actual" first female canine handler? She retired several months ago, after many years of dedicated service, and she had been the BTS canine handler. Please give her credit where credit is due.

Susan Marchitti

Homer, Alaska

DESPITE

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tween the ages of 18 and 19, as the law allows.

Moreover, it's foolhardy to demand that they present documents that prove they are legally able to live in the Bahamas when so many homes and their contents were completely destroyed.

Minnis should show the same compassion he did immediately after the storm and not be swayed by politics. If he does not relent, we urge the members of CARICOM, an organization of Caribbean nations, to speak up on Haitians' behalf. The organization rightly protested when the Dominican Republic sought to withdraw citizenship from Haitians there.

The organization, while respecting the Bahamas' autonomy, should speak up now. The Bahamas is a CARICOM member. So is Haiti. That should count for something, especially during this humanitarian crisis.

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The Making of an American Ingrate

First you have to dangle some Ukrainian bait figure out some new conspiracy fears to create set an impossible to reach achievement date imply this campaign scam is inescapable fate let some billionaire bully boys out of the gate obstruct all Congressional steps to investigate destroy emails and documents before its too late trick out clubs and towers with fixtures ornate specify bathroom fixtures all be 14K gold plate watch Saudi oil fields around and near Kuwait keep a closer watch on the Federal interest rate give bonus oil shares to the Secretary of State let the release of years of my tax returns just wait on Putin's pipeline going through the Ukraine relate

'Truth Isn't Truth': Guiliani Rap Perjury Trap

Former New York City mayor, prosecutor, and Trump adviser Rudy Guiliani recently answered a question by stating on TV "truth isn't truth."

Children separated, some in cages, many parents are deported Fake news? a big hoax? give me a break, a lie is a lie till you die its all been seen online and TV, photographed and duly reported some objective reporting, 'truth isn't truth' when is a lie not a lie Guiliani on TV online former prosecutor going absolutely nuts Trump never turns in tax returns, his base slowly sees and learns 30 hrs. testimony, no ifs or buts, WH lawyer McGahn spills his guts in his grave George Washington hears the lies and over he turns senior citizens are now in old age not early rising in their youth you can't believe it now because Guiliani says 'truth isn't truth' if truth is not truth then couldn't old age sometimes be youth tell the truth! Trump does not have a single wisdom tooth. Isn't it true? Ask me no questions, I'll tell you no more lies if a bucket of BS is coming close your mouth, shut your eyes.

LITERARY NOOK By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON'

CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and has been named a poet laureate of Tinian. He has taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.



45 Suffers From 'Foot in My Own Mouth' Disease

To 'put your foot in your mouth' means to say or do something that you should not have, especially something that embarrasses someone else.

—Cambridge Dictionary of English

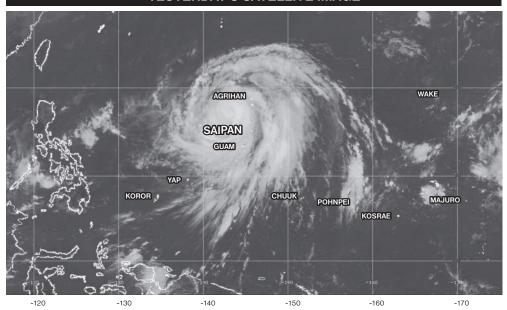
There has been no denial about reports that President 45 is suffering from Foot In My Own Mouth Disease, he even took off his socks! No matter how many aides make corrections and try buffering he keeps putting his foot in his mouth, shocking! and there it locks his answers and tweets are comic tragedy, a veritable French farce former CIA director Brennan calls them "nothing short of treasonous" regarding most of his responses 45 sounds like a classic horse's arse he constantly thinks his unthinking knee jerk answers are pleasing us if you have ever read or seen the ancient Greek plays of Aristophanes seen or read histories, comedies, tragedies with Shakespeare's clowns 45 is a living 21st century version of all these political commentaries as he stumbles and bumbles through his Presidency's ups and downs we recognize autocracy, plutocracy, kleptocracy under 45's command let us sing Woody Guthrie's national anthem This Land Is Your Land.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN							
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:43 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

The eye of STY Hagibis has moved west of the islands after making a direct hit of Anatahan around 1 AM, and is now wobbling away to the WNW. Strong southwest winds have overspread the islands in its wake, ranging from near typhoon strength at Saipan to minimal tropical storm strength on Guam. Moderate to heavy rain continues across all the islands, prompting the issuance of an Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory. Combined seas vary from a low of 10-12 ft in the Guam coastal waters, to 20-22 feet at Tanapag buoy near Saipan.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	74° / 60°
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Miami	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°
New York	Showers	59° / 53°
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Business

JCC Frutas offers healthy snacking choice

By MARK RABAGO

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A new business on Saipan is hoping to ride the healthy food choice wave with a fruit and smoothies store in Garapan.

JCC Frutas held its ribboncutting last month at its location that's a block behind Dollar Days and beside RJ Pizza in Garapan.

Owner Louis Lin said he opened JCC Frutas after hearing from tourists that they cannot find any fruit stores on Saipan.

"Tourist who I talk to always complain that, for a tropical island, there's just no place to buy fresh fruits on Saipan," he said.

Enter JCC Frutas, which offers seasonal local fruits and imported fruits in \$3 (small), \$7 (medium), and \$10 (large) packages.

Depending on the season, the store always has 18 kinds of fruits: bananas, mangoes, melon, watermelon, cantaloupe, dragon fruit, grapefruit, tangerines, oranges, apples, pomegranates, grapes, kiwi, pear, peach, pineapple, papaya, and tomato.

To keep the fruits fresh, Lin said he had to purchase a spe-



JCC Frutas opened last month in Garapan to give a healthier snacking choice for Saipan.

cially made cooler that keeps produce fresh for a longer time than the traditional refrigerators and coolers.

A considerable chunk of FCC Frutas' \$20,000 investment was spent on the stateof-the-art cooler, smoothies maker, and other amenities.

Customers can enjoy their fruits and smoothies right at the store or via takeout. Those

Southwest pilots' union sues Boeing over grounding of plane

"Those representations proved to be false," the union says in its lawsuit. "The 737 MAX now is grounded worldwide because it is unsafe, unairworthy, and contrary to Boeing's representations, distinct from the 737 family of aircraft that preceded it, which SWAPA pilots have flown for years."

Before both crashes, MCAS was activated by faulty sensor readings and pushed the planes' noses down. The union charged that Boeing abandoned good design practices and withheld key safety The union leader, Jon information from regulators Weaks, said he believes Boe- in its rush to get the plane on the market.

lawsuits filed by passengers' families and has settled a few for undisclosed terms. In July, it announced a \$4.9 billion after-tax charge to cover compensation it expects to pay airlines in coming years to cover canceled flights.

who opt for the former can use JCC Frutas' free WiFi and relax inside the store's tropical island-themed setting.

While Lin's original intention was to serve the tourist market, 99% of the JCC Frutas' current patrons are locals, Lin said.

As for his suppliers, JCC

Frutas buys half of its produce from local farmers and the other half from wholesalers like Joeten Enterprises and Luen Fung.

The 31-year-old Lin said he's just happy to serve the community by offering a healthier alternative to fastfood.

The Grace Christian Acad-

emy alumnus is originally from Fujian, China but went to school on Saipan. He left to study culinary in China but returned to the island in 2014.

JCC Frutas comfortably sits 14 customers and is open from 9am to 9pm every day of the week. For more information, call 233-1876.



MARK RABAGO

JCC Frutas owner Louis Lin with his wife

Contract talks continue as GM strike enters fourth week

DETROIT (AP)—Contract talks aimed at ending a 22day strike by the United Auto Workers against General Motors continued Monday after United Auto Workers union bargainers rejected a company offer on Sunday.

In a letter to members, UAW Vice President Terry Dittes cast doubt on whether there will be a quick settlement in the contract dispute, which sent 49,000 workers to the picket lines on Sept. 16, crippling GM's factories.

Dittes' letter said the union presented a proposal to the company Saturday. He said GM responded Sunday morning by reverting back to an offer that had been rejected and made few changes.

The company's proposal did nothing to address a host of items, Dittes wrote on Sunday, specifying job security for members during the term of the four-year contract.

Normally in contract talks, the union bargains for commitments from the company to build new vehicles, engines, transmissions and other items at U.S. factories represented by the union.

"It did nothing to provide job security during the term of this agreement," Dittes wrote.

"We, in this union, could not be more disappointed with General Motors who refuse to recognize the experience and talent of our membership."

In a statement, GM said it continues to negotiate in good faith "with very good proposals that benefit employees today and builds a stronger future for all of us.'

The company said it is committed to talking around the clock to resolve the dispute.

Also Monday, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said she is concerned about the growing impact of the strike as it entered its fourth week.

Whitmer, who visited workers on the picket lines at a GM plant near the state capital of Lansing, said she hopes the strike ends soon.

"These things are important, that they try to remedy them and find some common ground as quickly as possible," she said.

The strike immediately halted production at GM's U.S. factories. On Monday, GM shut down V8 engine and continuously variable transmission assembly lines at its Ramos Arizpe plant in Mexico, idling about 415 workers. Earlier the company closed two assembly plants in Mexico and Canada.

Despite Dittes' letter both sides continued bargaining Monday. He wrote that progress had been made on important issues last week, but the talks took a "turn for the worse."

Dittes also sent a sharp letter to GM's vice president for labor relations Sunday, saying: "You didn't even have a professional courtesy to explain why you could not accept or why you rejected our package proposal for each item we addressed."

A person briefed on the talks said Sunday that the union voiced concerns about GM increasing production in Mexico, where it now builds pickup trucks, small cars and two SUVs. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks are private, said both sides are far apart on guarantees of new products in U.S. factories.

GM leads all companies in automobiles produced in Mexico at just over 833,000 last year, according to LMC and the Center for Automotive Research, a think-tank based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Of GM vehicles sold in the U.S., 22% are produced in Mexico.

DALLAS (AP)—The union representing Southwest Airlines pilots is suing Boeing,

saying its pilots are losing money because the company rushed an unsafe plane into service only to have the 737 Max grounded after two deadly crashes.

The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association said in the lawsuit filed Monday that Boeing misled pilots and airlines by not telling them about a new flight-control system called MCAS that is now at the center of investigations into the accidents.

The lawsuit, filed in a Texas state court in Dallas, could make it harder for Boeing to gain public confidence in the plane. Chicago-based Boeing hopes to use pilots in a campaign to reassure travelers once regulators approve changes that the company is making to the plane.

"We believe this lawsuit is meritless and will vigorously defend against it," Boeing responded, in a statement from spokesman Charles Bickers. "We will continue to work with Southwest Airlines and its pilots on efforts to safely return the Max to service."

Southwest had more Max

jets than any airline when the plane was grounded in March. The union said the grounding has eliminated more than 30,000 Southwest flights.

The president of the pilots' union said in an interview that the lawsuit followed failed negotiations with Boeing over compensation for more than \$100 million in income that pilots have lost due to canceled flights. Also at issue were the union's expenses to comply with a subpoena from the Justice Department, which is conducting a criminal investigation into Boeing's representations to regulators who certified the plane.

ing will make the plane safe and pilots will resume flying it.

"When the plane comes back, it will be one of the most examined airplanes ever," he said. "The problems they had with MCAS are being engineered out of it."

The lawsuit, however, uses harsh language in condemning Boeing for what it told airlines and pilots about the Max, which went into service in 2017. Boeing sold the plane as a more fuel-efficient but otherwise lightly modified version of the 737, which has flown since the 1960s.

The lawsuit cited news accounts for many of its claims. Investigations have not been completed into crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed 346 people.

Boeing faces dozens of

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White House to battle impeachment by stalling, attacking

WASHINGTON (AP)—As House Democrats fire off more subpoenas, the White House is finalizing a high-stakes strategy to counter the impeachment threat to President Donald Trump: Stall. Obfuscate. Attack. Repeat.

Trump aides are honing their approach after two weeks of what allies have described as a listless and unfocused response to the impeachment probe. One expected step is a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rejecting the inquiry because Democrats haven't held a vote on the matter and moving to all but cease cooperation with Capitol Hill on key oversight matters.

The strategy risks further provoking Democrats in the impeachment probe, setting up court challenges and the potential for lawmakers to draw up an article of impeachment accusing Trump of obstructing their investigations. But as lawmakers seek to amass ammunition to be used in an impeachment trial, the White House increasingly believes all-out warfare is its best course of action.

"What they did to this country is unthinkable. It's lucky that I'm the president. A lot of people said very few people could handle it. I sort of thrive on it," Trump said Monday at the White House. "You can't impeach a president for doing a great job. This is a scam."

House Democrats, for their part, issued a new round of subpoenas on Monday, this time to Defense Secretary Mark Esper and acting White House budget director Russell Vought. Pelosi's office also released an open letter



President Donald Trump listens during a signing ceremony for a trade agreement with Japan in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Washington.

signed by 90 former national security officials who served in both Democratic and Republican administrations, voicing support for the whistleblower who raised concerns about Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to investigate political foe Joe Biden.

"A responsible whistleblower makes all Americans safer by ensuring that serious wrongdoing can be investigated and addressed, thus advancing the cause of national security to which we have devoted our careers," they wrote. "Whatever one's view of the matters discussed in the whistleblower's complaint, all Americans should be united in demanding that all branches of our government and all outlets of our media protect this whistleblower and his or her identity. Simply put, he or she has done what our law demands; now he or she deserves our protection."

The House Intelligence, Oversight and Foreign Affairs committees are investigating Trump's actions pressing Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son, potentially interfering in the 2020 election. The former vice president, for his part, has accused Trump of

"frantically pushing flat-out lies, debunked conspiracy theories and smears against me." Trump also withheld hundreds of millions of dollars in military assistance to Ukraine.

The White House has struggled to communicate its message beyond Trump's angry public proclamations and an endless stream of tweets.

Indeed, top officials were absent from the Sunday talk

shows, and the sole White House official to appear in public on Monday dodged questions on the inquiry.

Asked whether he believed the president was joking or in any way not serious when he suggested publicly that China should investigate the Bidens, Larry Kudlow, Trump's top economic adviser, responded: "I don't honestly know."

Trump and his team's initial

strategy had been to try to undermine the credibility of the intelligence community whistleblower who first raised questions about Trump's conduct with Ukraine, just as they tried to undercut special counsel Robert Mueller and his team. They stressed that the whistleblower had only second- or third-hand information and alleged that the person misrepresented the president's efforts. But now a second whistleblower has come forward to corroborate the information, and a cache of text messages echoes the concerns that have been laid out.

As the impeachment inquiry ramps up, the White House plans to reprise its past response to congressional oversight: open scorn. The president's aides have ignored document requests and subpoenas, invoked executive privilege — going so far as to argue that the privilege extends to informal presidential advisers who have never held White House jobs — and all but dared Democrats to hold them in contempt.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo blew a Friday deadline for complying with a subpoena. But he said over the weekend that the State Department had sent a letter to Congress as its initial response to the request. He also indicated a new willingness to comply, saying: "We'll obviously do all the things that we're required to do by law."

FBI: Inmate is most prolific serial killer in US history

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—The inmate who claims to have killed more than 90 women across the country is now considered to be the most

prolific serial killer in U.S. history, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

Samuel Little, who has been behind bars since 2012, told investigators last year that he was responsible for about 90 killings nationwide between 1970 and 2005. In a news release on Sunday, the FBI announced that federal crime analysts believe all of his confessions are credible, and officials have been able to verify 50

confessions so far.

Investigators also provided new information and details about five cases in Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, Nevada and Louisiana.

The 79-year-old Little is

serving multiple life sentences in California. He says he strangled his 93 victims, nearly all of them women.

Some of his victims were on the margins of society. Many were originally deemed overdoses, or attributed to accidental or undetermined causes. Some bodies were never found.

The FBI provided 30 drawings of some of his victims—color portraits that were drawn by Little himself in prison. They are haunting portraits, mostly of black women.

The agency also provided videos taken during prison interviews with Little. He described how he spoke about a woman he strangled in 1993—and how he rolled her down a slope on a desolate road.

"I heard a secondary road noise and that meant she was still rolling," he said. In another video, he described a victim in New Orleans. "She was pretty. Light colored, honey brown skin," he said with a small smile. "She was tall for a woman. Beautiful shape. And, uh, friendly."

It was 1982, and they met in a club. She left with him in his Lincoln, and they parked by a bayou.

"That's the only one that I ever killed by drowning," he said.

Investigators around the country are still trying to piece together his confessions with unidentified remains and unsolved cases from decades past. In August , he pleaded guilty to murdering four women in Ohio. He was convicted in California of three slayings in 2013 and pleaded guilty to another killing last year in Texas.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 ex-nursing home workers charged with bilking 98-year-old

SKOKIE, III. (AP)—Two former Chicago nursing home workers have been charged with bilking a 98-year-old woman with dementia out of more than \$700,000. A Cook County state's attorney's office spokeswoman said Monday that Tameeka Wolfe and Christina Wright were each charged with one felony count of financial exploitation of an elderly person. The charges stem from an investigation into allegations that employees at Symphony Residences of Lincoln Park cashed checks, made ATM withdrawals and transferred money from several of Grace Watanabe's bank accounts for about a year. Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert took emergency custody of the woman and removed her from the facility last year. Bond for Wolfe and Wright as set at \$20,000 each, with each barred from unsupervised contact with seniors. Neither could be immediately be reached for comment.

Kroger, Walgreens to stop selling ecigarettes in US

NEW YORK (AP)—Two major retailers say they will no longer sell e-cigarettes in the U.S. amid mounting health questions surrounding vaping. Supermarket chain Kroger and drugstore chain Walgreens announced Monday they would discontinue sales of e-cigarettes at their stores nationwide, citing an uncertain regulatory

environment. The vaping industry has come under scrutiny after hundreds of people have fallen ill and at least eight have died after using vaping devices. Walmart announced last month that it would stop selling e-cigarettes at its stores nationwide. Kroger said it would stop selling e-cigarettes as soon at its current inventory runs out at its more than 2,700 stores and 1,500 fuel centers. The Cincinnati-based company operates the Ralphs, Harris Teeter and other stores.

Jurors at impasse in trial of ex-cop who shot naked man

ATLANTA (AP)—Jurors in an Atlanta-area community say they are deadlocked on some of the charges against a former police officer who fatally shot an unarmed naked black man. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports jurors in DeKalb County sent the judge a note Monday saying they have decided some charges but deadlocked on others. Superior Court Judge LaTisha Dear Jackson instructed jurors to continue keep deliberating Tuesday. Robert "Chip" Olsen is charged with felony murder, aggravated assault, violation of oath of office and making a false statement in the 2015 death of 26-year-old Anthony Hill. Hill was an Air Force veteran who had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and PTSD. Olsen was responding to a report of a naked man behaving erratically outside an Atlanta-area apartment complex when he shot Hill.

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Japan rescues all North Korean fishermen after collision

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese authorities said they rescued all of about 60 North Korean fishermen whose boat collided with a Japanese patrol vessel and sank Monday in an area crowded with poachers.

Coast guard officials earlier said that only about 20 North Korean crewmembers were thrown into the sea after their steel boat collided with a Japanese Fisheries Agency inspection boat in Japan's exclusive economic zone off the country's northern coast.

Officials later said they rescued far more than first thought. No one was missing.

The North Korean boat sank about half an hour after the collision in the Yamatotai area, known as rich grounds for squid fishing northwest of the Noto Peninsula.

The North Korean boat had made an unauthorized entry into Japan's exclusive economic zone and the collision occurred just as the Japanese patrol boat was warning it to move out, Fisheries Agency official Satoshi Kuwahara told reporters. He said officials were investigating whether the North Korean ship was actually conducting illegal fishing, and how the two ships collided.

Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Taku Eto said the North Korean boat suddenly changed



In this Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, photo released by the 9th Regional Japan Coast Guard Headquarters, crew of a Japanese Fisheries Agency patrol vessel work to rescue North Korean fishermen off the northwestern coast of the Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa prefecture, Japan.

course before crashing into the Japanese ship and sinking, Kyodo News agency reported.

The coast guard's regional office in Niigata said officials handed the fishermen to another North Korean boat in the area after notifying The North's rescue coordination center to arrange their way home. It said the North Korean crewmembers had no life-threatening conditions.

Fisheries Agency officials said the Japanese patrol ship had no major damage and was able to move on its own.

Japan and North Korea have no diplomatic ties.

The two countries also have disputes over Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, as well as North Korea's nuclear and missile development and the North's abduction of Japanese citizens in the 1970s and 1980s.

During Monday's parliamentary session, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

pledged to thoroughly investigate Monday's incident.

"We will resolutely respond to prevent poaching by foreign fishing boats in the Japanese exclusive economic zone," he said.

Japan has stepped up patrols in the area in recent years as North Korean squid poaching has surged. This year, ships from Japan's Fisheries Agency and coast guard have been patrolling in the area since May, Kuwahara said. Experts say the increase in North

Korean squid poaching is due to the country's campaign to boost fish harvests. With Russia also stepping up its patrols against poaching, desperate North Korean fishermen under pressure to meet their quota have opted to head to Japanese economic waters, increasing the risk of clashes with Japanese patrol boats, Satoru Miyamoto, a Seigakuin University professor and expert on North Korean politics, diplomacy and military issues, told Japan's NHK public television.

Japanese fisheries patrols have issued nearly 500 expulsion orders to poachers between May and August this year, most of them from North Korea, according to the Fisheries Agency. It said Japan last year made 5,315 such orders to foreign fishing boats in the area, many of them North Korean. Poachers also come from China, Russia and South Korea.

In June, Japan's coast guard pushed more than 300 North Korean boats back in the same waters where Monday's incident occurred. Japan also said an armed North Korean fishing boat aimed a gun at and threatened a Japanese patrol ship in August.

The North Korean poachers are believed to be related to an influx of "ghost boats" that have washed onto Japan's northern coast, fisheries officials have said.

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Philippines: Indonesia woman nabbed with drugs from Cambodia

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Philippine authorities said they arrested an Indonesian woman who was carrying 54 million pesos (\$1 million) worth of illegal drugs in her carry-on bag from her flight from Cambodia on Monday, amid a crackdown on drug smuggling attempts. The Bureau of Customs said Agnes Alexandra was arrested after midnight at Manila's airport after authorities found 8 kilograms (17.6 pounds) of methamphetamine, a powerful and highly addictive stimulant, in her bag from a flight from Cambodia's resort city of Siem Reap. She wept and covered her face in front of TV cameras, telling officials the bag was not hers. "The suspect says it was given for her to carry, but that is always their story," Bureau of Customs official Lourdes Mangaoang said at a news conference where the seized drugs and Alexandra were presented.

Police block thousands marching in Pakistani Kashmir

JASKOOL, Pakistan (AP)—Police blocked a march Sunday by thousands of protesters in Pakistanicontrolled Kashmir who wanted to move toward the highly militarized Line of Control that divides the territory between Pakistan and India. The marchers are protesting the lockdown in Indian-administered Kashmir. Police placed shipping

containers on the road and deployed a large contingent of officers near Jaskool, 8 kilometers (5 miles) from the frontier to stop the supporters of the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, which announced it intended to cross the frontier to help Kashmiris under Indian oppression. India imposed a strict curfew on Aug. 5 after stripping Indian-controlled Kashmir of its statehood. JKLF wants Kashmir to be independent from from both India and Pakistan. The group has a history of attempts to cross the de facto frontier in the last three decades, including once in 1992 that ended in violence.

Sri Lanka's Sirisena exits, with reform promises unfulfilled

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has decided not to seek reelection next month after failing to fulfill many of the promises of his first term. A record 35 candidates filed nominations Monday for the Nov. 16 election, with former defense chief Gotabaya Rajapaksa considered the favorite. Rajapaksa, who served as defense chief under his brother, former strongman President Mahinda Rajapaksa, is popular for his part in ending the government's long civil war against ethnic minority Tamil rebels a decade ago. He has been accused of condoning rape, torture and the shadowy disappearances of critics, but is considered a hero among ethnic majority Sinhalese for his role in defeating the Tamil Tiger rebels.

Hard-line protesters resume violence over Hong Kong mask ban Hong Kong (AP)—Riot police at least have another chance," she ti-government movement. Protesters

HONG KONG (AP)—Riot police fanned out across Hong Kong on Monday night as groups of hard-line protesters took to the streets in continued violence since the government banned face masks at rallies, pushing the semi-autonomous Chinese territory into deeper crisis.

The scenes in at least six locations across the city have almost become the norm, with groups of black-clad youths setting up road barriers to block traffic, smashing traffic lights and shops linked to China, and breaking into and vandalizing shuttered subway stations.

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam warned Tuesday that the Chinese military could step in if an uprising for democratic reforms that has rocked the city for months "becomes so bad" but reiterated the government still hopes to resolve the crisis itself.

Lam urged foreign critics to accept that the four months of protests marked by escalating violence were no longer "a peaceful movement for democracy."

She said seeking Chinese intervention was provided for under Hong Kong's constitution but that she cannot reveal under what circumstances she will do so.

" I still strongly feel that we should find the solutions ourselves. That is also the position of the central government that Hong Kong should tackle the problem on her own but if the situation becomes so bad, then no options could be ruled out if we want Hong Kong to

at least have another chance," she told a news conference.

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Riot police fired tear gas, charged at crowds and took position on streets. A number of protesters were detained. The night violence broke the day's relative calm, when hundreds of people gathered in several malls to sing protest songs and chant slogans.

The mask ban, which took effect Saturday under an emergency law, has led to more anger instead of deterring the anti-government demonstrations that have rocked the international financial hub for four months.

"Wearing a mask is not a crime!" has become a new battle cry at daily rallies that have degenerated into skirmishes between police and hard-core protesters.

Earlier Monday, an 18-year-old student and a 38-year-old woman became the first to be prosecuted under the mask ban, which is punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine.

Detained early Saturday shortly after the ban took effect, the two were also charged with taking part in an unlawful assembly, which carries a heavier penalty of up to five years in jail. They were both released on bail pending trial.

"I am wearing a mask to come here today ... this is a form of silent protest," said 16-year-old student Bao Yeung, who was among a large group of supporters outside the court.

The protests were sparked by a now-shelved bill that would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial but have since morphed into a larger anti-government movement. Protesters are upset at what they say is Beijing's increasing influence over the former British colony, which was promised a high level of autonomy when it returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Sunday's protest also drew a first warning from the Chinese military after some demonstrators shined laser pointers at one of its barracks in Hong Kong. Police said rioters also attacked bystanders, including two men left unconscious after bloody beatings and a woman who took photos of rioting.

In a statement Monday, police said the "public order of the whole city is being pushed to the verge of a very dangerous situation." The chaos has led many shops and public services to close and prompted panic buying in some areas.

The city's MTR network of subways and trains, which was entirely shut down Saturday and most of Sunday, reopened partially on Monday, a Chinese public holiday.

Hong Kong's High Court has rejected a second effort to invalidate the mask ban but agreed to hear later this month an application by 24 legislators against Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam's use of the colonial-era Emergency Regulations Ordinance to impose the ban without legislative approval.

Lam has said she will seek the legislature's backing for the mask ban when it meets next on Oct. 16. She has said the mask ban will make identification of rioters easier for police and that other measures are possible if violence continues.

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Supporters of the 'Extinction Rebellion' movement block a road at the Potsdamer Platz square in Berlin, Germany, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

limate activists block roads, march in global protests

BERLIN (AP)—Activists with the Extinction Rebellion movement blocked roads and staged demonstrations in big cities around the globe Monday, part of a wide-ranging series of protests demanding much more urgent action against climate change.

Demonstrators stopped traffic in European cities including Berlin, London, Paris and Amsterdam. In New York, activists smeared themselvesand emblems of Wall Street-in fake blood and lay in the street.

In some cities, activists chained themselves to vehicles or pitched tent camps and vowed not to budge.

"You might come from a variety of different groups, but we all stand against a system that's destroying the planet and mankind, and we're looking to change that because we can't just have little changes, we want a real big change," said Pierrick Jalby, a 28-year-old nurse from eastern France who joined the demonstration in Paris. "We don't want reforms, in fact, we want a revolution.'

Members of Extinction Rebellion, a loose-knit movement also known as XR that started last year

in Britain, have staged a series of flashy protests this year to demand action on manmade climate change, often featuring marchers in white masks and red costumes and copious amounts of fake blood.

In Berlin on Monday, around 1,000 people blocked the Grosser Stern, a traffic circle in the middle of the German capital's Tiergarten park dominated by the landmark Victory Column. That protest began before dawn. Another 300 people blocked Berlin's central Potsdamer Platz, placing couches, tables, chairs and flowerpots on the road.

Over the weekend, demonstrators had set up a tent camp outside German Chancellor Angela Merkel's office to prepare for the protests, reflecting dissatisfaction with a climate policy package drawn up last month by her government.

Merkel's chief of staff, Helge Braun, criticized the group's tactics.

"We all share an interest in climate protection, and the Paris climate targets are our standard in this," he told ZDF television. "If you demonstrate against or for that, that is OK. But if you announce dangerous interventions in road traffic or things like this, of course that is just not on."

He dismissed the idea of declaring a "climate emergency," saying that the German constitution doesn't provide for such a thing and it wouldn't translate into "concrete action."

Around 1,000 protesters blocked the area around Chatelet in central Paris and vowed to stay at least the night in the makeshift camp they had pitched. Some were seated, some chained to a barrel.

Demonstrators playing steel drums marched through central London as they kicked off two weeks of activities designed to disrupt the city.

London police said some 135 climate activists had been arrested. Extinction Rebellion said protesters were arrested as they blocked Victoria Embankment, outside the Ministry of Defense.

Among those arrested was 81-year-old Sarah Lasenby, a retired social worker from Oxford.

"It is imperative the government should take serious actions and put pressure on other states and global powers to radically reduce the use of fossil fuels," she said.

In New York City, protesters doused a famous statue of a charging bull near Wall Street with fake blood. One protester waving a green flag climbed on top of the bull. Other activists splashed with red dye staged a "die-in" in front of the New York Stock Exchange—lying down as if dead while tourists gawked.

Afterward, a few participants were seen mopping the fake blood off the ground.

"The blood of the world is here," said Justin Becker, an organizer who made a link between the fossil fuel industry and the financial interests of Wall Street. "A lot of blood has been spilled by the decisions of the powerful and the status quo and the toxic system that we live in."

In Amsterdam, hundreds of demonstrators blocked a major road outside the Rijksmuseum, one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, and set up tents. The protest went ahead despite a city ban on activists gathering on the road. The protesters ignored police calls for them to move to a nearby square.

In Spain, a few dozen activists briefly chained themselves to each other and to an elevated road over a major artery in the Madrid, snarling traffic during the morning rush hour. The National Police said 33 activists were taken to their premises and three were arrested for resisting orders by anti-riot officers.

A few hundred other protesters camped out in 40 tents at the gates of Spain's Ministry of Ecological Transition.

Those at the Berlin protests included activist Carola Rackete, best known as the German captain of a humanitarian rescue ship who was arrested for docking in an Italian port without authorization this year to disembark migrants rescued at sea.

"We must stay here and rebel until the government proclaims an ecological emergency and acts accordingly," Rackete said.

Founded in Britain last year, Extinction Rebellion now has chapters in some 50 countries. The group said the protests Monday were taking place in 60 cities worldwide in countries including Turkey, Canada, South Africa, Mexico and elsewhere.

UN: More needed from UK, US and others on Hammarskjold crash

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The head of the latest investigation into the 1961 plane crash that killed U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is reiterating that an external attack may have downed the aircraft—and is urging the U.S., Britain, South Africa and Russia to provide more information to help clear up the mystery.

A former chief justice in Tanzania, Mohamed Chande Othman, said in a 95-page report released Monday that based on all information now available "it appears plausible that an external attack or threat may have been a cause of the crash, whether by way of a direct attack ... or by causing a momentary distraction of the pilots."

But Othman said it hasn't been possible to conclude whether sabotage may have been a cause because of difficulties in obtaining relevant documents in South Africa.

He said it also remains possible the crash resulted from pilot error, "despite the experience of the crew and the otherwise normal conditions that preceded the approach to landing '

Widely considered the U.N.'s most effective secretary-general, Hammarskjold was on a peace mission to Congo and died when his chartered DC-6 went down near Ndola Airport in modern-day Zambia, then the British protectorate of Northern Rhodesia.

Congo won its freedom from Belgium in 1960 and the Swedish diplomat was flying into a war zone infested with mercenaries and riven by Cold War tensions. Multinational companies coveted its vast mineral wealth and the country's government was challenged by a Western-backed insurgency in Katanga province, which hosted mining interests belonging to the U.S., Britain and Belgium.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a letter transmitting the report that Othman had reaffirmed the conclusions of his 2017 report to the General Assembly: that it is plausible an external threat or attack caused the crash.

He said Othman had received new information about possible causes in the past two years, including probable intercepts of relevant communications, information on the military capacities of parties for staging a possible attack, and "the presence in the area of foreign paramilitary, including pilots, and intelligence personnel."

But while Othman "has made much progress," Guterres said, "it is equally clear that the work will need to continue with renewed urgency, with a view to establishing the truth of the tragic event."

Othman said he received crashrelated photographs and new information on the interception of radio communications, the role of air traffic control in Ndola, other individuals "of interest," other possible aircraft operating in the area, acts of local and foreign authorities, and crash site witnesses.

He stressed that the search for information about the crash has not been "exhaustive," saying the United Kingdom, United States and South Africa especially, but also Russia, have failed to respond "substantively" to queries about possible material in their intelligence, security and defense archives.

EU demands UK face Brexit'realism;'Johnson scrambles

LONDON (AP)—Britain and the European Union appeared to be poles apart Monday on a potential Brexit deal, with the Dutch government urging the British government to offer "more realism and clarity," and U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson insisting that the bloc must soften its stance.

Last week the British government sent the EU what it called a "reasonable compromise" that will allow Britain to leave the bloc with a divorce deal at the end of this month.

But Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok said after meeting with Britain's Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay on Monday that "important questions still remain."

The British government says the country will leave the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a deal. Many in the EU—and in Britain—are skeptical of that claim, because the U.K. Parliament has passed a law compelling the government to ask the EU for a delay to Brexit if no deal is agreed upon by Oct. 19.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson says he will obey the law, but will not ask for a delay. It's unclear how the two statements can be reconciled.

Johnson was working the phones on Monday, speaking to a series of EU leaders, as he tried to overcome opposition to his proposal.

The EU has responded coolly to the U.K.'s plan for maintaining an open Irish border after Brexit-the main stumbling block to a deal Currently, goods and people flow freely between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland, and an open border underpins both the local economy and Northern Ireland's peace process.

The EU and the U.K. have agreed there must be no checks or infrastructure along that border. But Britain wants to leave the EU's customs union so it can strike new trade deals around the world, making some sort of checks on goods crossing that border all but inevitable.

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s the U.S. warned allies around the world that Chinese tech giant Huawei was a security threat, the FBI was making the same point quietly to a Midwestern university. In an email to the associate vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, an agent wanted to know if administrators believed Huawei had stolen any intellectual property from the school.

Told no, the agent responded: "I assumed those would be your answers, but I had to ask."

It was no random query.

The FBI has been reaching out to colleges and universities across the country as it tries to stem what American authorities portray as the wholesale theft of technology and trade secrets by researchers tapped by China. The breadth and intensity of the campaign emerges in emails The Associated Press obtained through records requests to public universities in 50 states. The emails underscore the extent of U.S. concerns that universities, as recruiters of foreign talent and incubators of cutting-edge research, are particularly vulnerable targets.

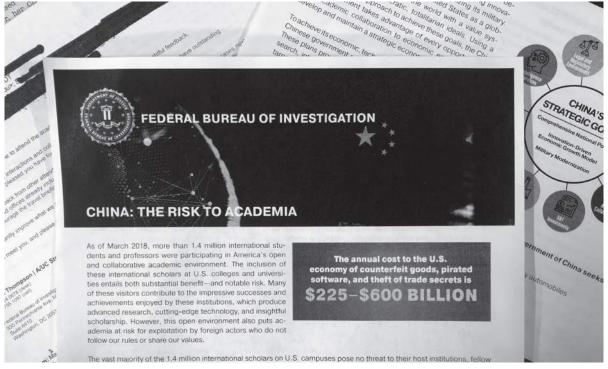
Agents have lectured at seminars, briefed administrators in campus meetings and distributed pamphlets with cautionary tales of trade secret theft. In the past two years, they've requested the emails of two University of Washington researchers, asked Oklahoma State University if it has scientists in specific areas and sought updates about "possible misuse" of research funds by a University of Colorado Boulder professor, the messages show.

The emails show administrators mostly embracing FBI warnings, requesting briefings for themselves and others. But they also reveal some struggling to balance legitimate national security concerns against their own eagerness to avoid stifling research or tarnishing legitimate scientists. The Justice Department says it appreciates that push-pull and wants only to help universities separate the relatively few researchers engaged in theft from the majority who are not.

Senior FBI officials told AP they're not encouraging schools to monitor researchers by nationality but instead to take steps to protect research and to watch for suspicious behavior. They consider the briefings vital because they say universities, accustomed to fostering international and collaborative environments, haven't historically been as attentive to security as they should be.

"When we go to the universities, what we're trying to do is highlight the risk to them without discouraging them from welcoming the researchers and students from a country like China," Assistant Attorney General John Demers, the Justice Department's top national security official, said in an interview.

The effort comes amid a deteriorating relationship between the U.S. and China and as a trade war launched by President Donald Trump contributes to stock market turbulence and fears of a global economic slowdown. American officials have long accused China of stealing trade secrets from U.S. corporations to develop their



This Oct. 4, 2019 photo shows a copy of an FBI pamphlet and related emails. The FBI's outreach to American colleges and universities about the threat of economic espionage includes this pamphlet that warns specifically about efforts by China to steal academic research.

US RESEARCHERS ON FRONT LINE OF BATTLE AGAINST CHINESE THEFT

By ERIC TUCKER

economy, allegations Beijing denies.

"Existentially, we look at China as our greatest threat from an intelligence perspective, and they succeeded significantly in the last decade from stealing our best and brightest technology," said William Evanina, the U.S. government's chief counterintelligence official.

The FBI's effort coincides with restrictions put in place by other federal agencies, including the Pentagon and Energy Department, that fund university research grants. The National Institutes of Health has sent dozens of letters in the past year warning schools of researchers it believes may have concealed grants received from China, or improperly shared confidential research information. The Justice Department launched last year an effort called the China Initiative aimed at identifying priority trade secret cases and focusing resources on them.

The threat, officials say, is more than theoretical.

In the past two months alone, a University of Kansas researcher was charged with collecting federal grant money while working full time for a Chinese university; a Chinese government employee was arrested in a visa fraud scheme that the Justice Department says was aimed at recruiting U.S. research talent; and a university professor in Texas was accused in a trade secret case involving circuit board technology.

The most consequential case this year centered not on a university but on Huawei, charged in January with stealing corporate trade secrets and evading sanctions. The company denies wrongdoing. Several universities including the University of Illinois, which received the FBI email

last February, have since begun severing ties with Huawei.

The University of Minnesota did the same, with an administrator reassuring the FBI in an email last May that issues raised by a best practices letter an agent forwarded "have certainly been topics of conversation (and occasionally even action) in our halls for a while now."

But the Justice Department's track record hasn't been perfect, leading to pushback from some that the concerns are overstated.

Federal prosecutors in 2015 dropped charges against a Temple University professor who'd been accused of sharing designs for a pocket heater with China. The professor, Xiaoxing Xi, is suing the FBI. "It was totally wrong," he said, "so I can only speak from my experience that whatever they put out there is not necessarily true."

Richard Wood, the then-interim provost at the University of New Mexico, conveyed ambivalence in an email to colleagues last year. He wrote that he took seriously the national security concerns the FBI identified in briefings, but also remained "deeply committed to traditional academic norms regarding the free exchange of scientific knowledge wherever appropriate—a tradition that has been the basis of international scientific progress for several centuries.

"There are real tensions between these two realities, and no simple solutions," he wrote. "I do not think we would be wise to create new 'policy' on terrain this complex and fraught with internal trade-offs between legitimate concerns and values without some real dialogue on the matter."

A University of Colorado associate vice chancellor equivocated in

January on how to handle an agent's request for a meeting, emailing colleagues that the request to discuss university research felt "probing" and like "more of a fishing expedition" than past occasions. Another administrator replied that the FBI presumably wanted to discuss intellectual property theft, calling it "bright on their radar."

FBI officials say they've received consistently positive feedback from universities, and the emails do show many administrators requesting briefings, campus visits, or expressing eagerness for cooperation. A Washington State University administrator connected an FBI agent with his counterpart at the University of Idaho. The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill requested a briefing last February with an administrator, saying "we would like to understand more about the role of the FBI and how we can partner together." A University of Nebraska official invited an agent to make a presentation as part of broader campus training.

Kevin Gamache, chief research security officer for the Texas A&M University system, told AP he values his FBI interactions and that the communication goes both ways. The FBI shares threat information and administrators educate law enforcement about the realities of university research.

"There's no magic pill," Gamache said. "It's a dialogue that has to be ongoing."

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas vice president for research and economic development welcomed the assistance in a city she called the "birthplace of atomic testing. "We have a world-class radiochemistry faculty, our College of Engineer-

ing has significant numbers of faculty and students from China, and we have several other issues of concern to me as VPR. In all of these cases, the FBI is always available to help," the administrator, Mary Croughan, emailed agents.

The AP submitted public records requests for correspondence between the FBI and research officials at more than 50 schools.

More than two dozen produced records, including seminar itineraries and an FBI pamphlet warning that China does "not play by the same rules of academic integrity" as American institutions observe. The document, titled "China: The Risk to Academia," says Beijing is using "non-traditional collectors" like post-doctoral researchers to collect intelligence and that programs intended to promote international collaboration are being exploited.

Some outreach is more general, like an agent's offer to brief New Mexico State University on "how the FBI can best serve and protect."

But other emails show agents seeking tips or following leads.

"If you have concerns about any faculty or graduate researchers, students, outside vendors ... pretty much anything we previously discussed—just reminding you that I am here to help," one wrote to Iowa State.

In May, an agent sent the University of Washington a public records request for emails of two researchers, seeking references to Chinese-government talent recruitment programs the U.S. views with suspicion. A university spokesman said the school hasn't investigated either professor.

Last year, an agent warning of a "trend of international hostile collection efforts at US universities" asked Oklahoma State University if it had researchers in encryption research or quantum computing.

The University of Colorado received an FBI request about an "internal investigation" into a professor's "possible misuse" of NIH funding. The school said it found no misconduct involving the professor, who has resigned.

Other emails show schools responding internally to government concerns.

At Mississippi State, an administrator concerned about Iranian cyberattacks on colleges and government reports on foreign influence suggested to colleagues the school scrutinize graduate school applicants' demographics. "Have to be careful so U.S. law is not violated re discrimination but where does one draw the line when protecting against known foreign states that are cyber criminals?" he wrote.

Though espionage concerns aren't new—federal prosecutors charged five Chinese military hackers in 2014—FBI officials report an uptick in targeting of universities and more U.S. attention as a result. The FBI says it's seen some progress from universities, with one official saying schools are more reliably pressing researchers about outside funding sources.

Demers, the Justice Department official, said the focus reflects how espionage efforts are "as pervasive, as well-resourced, as ever today.

"It's a serious problem today on college campuses."

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Good Housekeeping

Basil

amazing for the Culinary artist and incredible for the pollinator nation By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

asil has stolen my heart as of late but it is probably not for what you think. It's not because the foliage such as that of Purple Ruffles as Mississippi Medallion Award Winners is as pretty as a coleus. Nor is it for the culinary delicacy provided by Siam Queen an All-America Selections Award Winner. It is for pollinators.

The fact I am promoting it for pollinators tells all herb lovers and culinary artists I am going polar opposite on recommendations and letting it go to flower as quickly as possible. As you may be aware you are suppose-to keep flower buds pinched off and harvest fresh leaves for that mouth-watering pesto sauce and oriental cuisine.

They say you can't have your cake and eat it too but I



Basil blooms are as pretty as those of many salvias used in the garden.



Basil blooms create excitement with their spiky texture and bring in butterflies like this Common Buckeye.

suppose you could harvest your leaves for a while, even dry and store, and then let it go flower. Holy pollinator this could be a good idea for gardeners everywhere!

Now let me present what I have been witnessing. Every 10 days or so, I have been going out to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain Ga. This has been one of my favorite places in the country for the last 25 years. Now that I live close by, it makes multiple trips easy and, besides, it's kind of like the 'The Garden Guy's' day out.

The Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center is one of the most famous butterfly conservatories in the country. While I enjoy that aspect, I spend hours outside of the center browsing the plants to attract butterflies for adult food as well as those plants that sustain their caterpillars, too.

At various intervals in the garden, they have drifts, or sweeps, of blooming basil. It is Thai basil and the blooming stalks are as pretty as salvia. All summer they have been loaded with bees and various butterflies. You'll find the pollinators as well as those that eat them.

I have concluded that whether you say "bay-zil" or "baa-zil," we'll all agree on one thing, this is a perfect plant for the landscape, herb or vegetable garden, or backyard wildlife habitat. This plant earns a living from the time it is 12 inches tall until it freezes. If you dried leaves it keeps on giving.



Basil blooms bring in butterflies like the Gray Hairstreak.



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Basil blooms bring in a wide assortment of bees and other pollina-

Basil asks for nothing more in the garden than full sun and well-drained soil. Prepare the soil by spreading 3- to 4-inches of organic matter and 1 pound per 100 square feet of a slow-release 5-10-5 fertilizer, and till to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Set transplants 18- to 24-inches apart. They will grow to around 2 feet tall and wide. Water and apply a layer of mulch. Basil thrives in our warm summer weather and excels in fall plantings as

If you want to go dual-purpose eat and finish with the feast of the pollinators, keep it watered, harvested and flower buds pinched and you'll have a long crop. Harvest just as the flower buds are forming for the most concentrated oils, flavor, and fragrance. Apply a light application of the above fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks or after harvest.

If you are going for blooms, bees, and butterflies let it bloom as quickly as it wants, maintain moisture and fertilizer, and keep the camera handy. A little deadheading will keep the patch producing and looking good all summer.

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Life & Style

Former champ Mike Tyson takes a swing at MMA coverage

AP SPORTS WRITER

Mike Tyson is ready to talk your ears off about MMA.

The former heavyweight champion is set to join the Professional Fighters League as host of the new series "Mike Tyson's New Fight Game: The PFL," which will debut this week on the league's YouTube channel and other digital platforms before the playoffs start Friday.

Tyson will conduct interviews with fighters, and musicians, entertainers and other famous fans of mixed martial arts. Tyson will be

Book of Toni Morrison quotations is coming out in December

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—A book of Toni Morrison quotations is coming out in December.

"The Measure of Our Lives: A Gathering of Wisdom" will draw from her whole body of work, including celebrated novels such as "Beloved" and "Song of Solomon."

The foreword is by Zadie Smith, adapted from a tribute she wrote soon after the Nobel laureate died in August at

A publisher's note describes the book as a distillation of her major themes, including "transcendence through imagination; the self and its discontents; the vicissitudes of love; the whirligig of memory; the singular power of women; the original American sin of slavery; the bankruptcy of racial oppression; the complex humanity; and art of black people."

The compact, 128-page compilation was put together by Erroll McDonald, executive editor and vice president of the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. He told The Associated Press on Monday that he thought of the book as a response to the "tremendous adulation" that Morrison received after her death. He intends "The Measure of Our Lives" to serve as an introduction for new readers and an "ideal keepsake" for longtime admirers.

The book's title comes from one of Morrison's most famous sayings, about words themselves: "We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives."

co-host Sean O'Connell, PFL play-by-play announcer and PFL 2018 light heavyweight champion.

"We can take this to another dimension," Tyson told The Associated Press. "We can brand it the proper way. Give it the proper advertisement. We can take these fighters and publicize these fighters properly. We can take all the fighters from all over the planet, and all the techniques and all the disciplines and put them in one tournament and find out who really is the baddest (fighter) on the planet that ever lived."

The PFL is a tournament-

playoffs are held over three

nights in October: Friday's fights are headlined by women's 155 pounds and welterweights; Oct. 17 features featherweights and lightweights; and Oct. 31 has light heavyweights and heavyweights. Each male fighter must

fight twice and win twice that night to advance to the championship finals.

Tyson

Tyson can add TV host to an entertainment tableau highlighted by a scene-stealing stint in "The Hangover ." He voiced himself in an animated

off the playoffs this week. PFL and even starred in a one-man show on Broadway . He hosted a podcast and founded JIELO WIINEN

his own cannabis company.

Tyson has long been ant uncenunfiltered sored. athlete who has unloaded quotes like this one on Evander Holyfield (whom he bit twice during

their infamous 1997 fight): "I want your heart! I want to eat his children!" Or this one on his own persona: "I comes across as crass, a Neanderthal, a babbling idiot sometimes. I like to show you two-time Olympic gold that person. I like that person.

joined on "Fight Game" by based organization that kicks show on the Cartoon Network He makes you want to come the star of the league and is and listen to me."

> He hopes fans will tune in as he transitions to the PFL.

> "I really want to get into the essence of what people are really about," Tyson said. "You really never know a person until you get there and talk to him. You have to make him comfortable when he's uncomfortable. That's when you really get into the essence of people."

> The league was formed in 2017 when a group of investors turned what was the World Series of Fighting into the tournament-style PFL. Kayla Harrison, a medalist, has emerged as

set to face Genah Fabian in her semifinal match Friday. The winner advances to the championship.

Tyson, who has also invested in PFL, singled out Harrison as the kind of fighter he wants to hype.

The 53-year-old Tyson holds the record as the youngest boxer to win a heavyweight title. Had MMA leagues been around when Tyson was in his fighting prime, he said he might have stepped inside the cage instead of the ring.

"Listen, if I could have made the money I made when I was fighting, I would have loved to try it," Tyson said.

Controversy stalks Nobel Peace, Literature prizes

By MARK LEWIS

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Norway STAVANGER, (AP)—Controversy stalks the Nobel prizes for peace and literature in a way it rarely does for science.

The revamped panel at the Swedish Academy who will hand out the Nobel Literature prizes Thursday for both 2018 and 2019 would relish arguments about the winners, rather than intrigue about the #MeToo scandal that forced the institution to suspend the prize last year.

And U.S. President Donald Trump has done his part to kindle intrigue about the 2019 Peace Prize winner, by simultaneously seeming to pitch himself for the prize while also slamming the Norwegian panel that awards it.

"Controversy is a natural effect of the Literature Prize," says Mats Malm, the Swedish Academy's new permanent secretary, appointed to head a reformed 18-person panel after two years of convulsions at the prestigious institution. "We want to contribute to the international discussion about literature and what it is supposed to be."

The literary science professor is leading an overhaul of the body, which was ripped apart in late 2017 and 2018 by sex assaults involving Jean-Claude Arnault, the husband of a former academy member and a once-notable figure on Sweden's cultural scene.

Arnault was convicted last year of two rapes in 2011 but not before accusations of abuse had led to an exodus of academy committee members, the ouster of then-Permanent Secretary Sara Da-



In this Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 file photo, a bust of the Nobel Prize founder, Alfred Nobel on display at the Concert Hall during the Nobel Prize award ceremony in Stockholm.

nius and the absence of a Nobel Literature prize for the first time since 1943 at the height of World War II.

With a threat hanging from the Nobel Foundation—the body behind the Nobel Prizes—that the Swedish Academy could be stripped of its right to award the prize, the academy brought in five external members to help adjudicate the two literature awards this year. At the same time, it ousted everyone involved in the scandal and it "no longer includes any members who are subject to conflicts of interest or criminal investigations," according to the foundation.

Across the border, the fiveperson Norwegian Nobel Institute that oversees the Peace Prize usually claims not to enjoy the controversy that accompanies its choices. But Geir Lundestad, the non-voting secretary of the committee from 1990 to 2014, says some members have traditionally thrived on the controversies that the high-profile prize inevitably brings.

"I am not sure the differences between the two committees are so big. The literature and peace prizes are more accessible to ordinary people than the prizes for medicine, physics and chemistry," he says. "Some of the members enjoy the controversy that brings. It varies tremendously between members. But many recognize that some sort of controversy goes with the territory."

The Nobel committees never announce the names of candidates and nominations are not revealed for 50 years.

Lundestad was in charge when the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to former U.S. President Barack Obama within months of his inauguration in 2009—a prize that has attracted the ire of Trump, his successor.

Obama was there "for about 15 seconds" before he was

awarded the prize, Trump told a press conference in February. Trump has been nominated for the Peace Prize by U.S congressmen for opening a dialogue with North Korea.

"I'll probably never get it, but that's OK," Trump said. "They gave it to Obama. He didn't even know what he got it for."

Second-guessing the thinking of the secretive panel is rarely fruitful, but the committee is not immune from the charms of U.S. presidents. As well as Obama, Theodore Roosevelt won it in 1906, Woodrow Wilson took the prize in 1920 and Jimmy Carter was chosen for the award in 2002.

However, a better signal for this year's award might be former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, who won the Peace Prize alongside the International Panel on Climate Change in 2007. Gore at the time was the face of the climate movement, a mantle now sitting on the slender shoulders of 16-year-old Greta Thunberg of Sweden.

The teenage activist bolstered her profile last month, stepping onto the global stage at the U.N. to berate world leaders.

"How dare you?" she kept saying to some of the world's most powerful people, accusing them of ignoring the science behind climate change. "You are failing us."

Last month, Thunberg won the Right Livelihood award, often called the "Alternative Nobel."

British bookmakers have Thunberg as the hot peace prize favorite this year, with Trump listed as a rank outsider behind several other world leaders, including two prime ministers, Abiy Ahmed of Ethiopia and Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The panel could also choose to acknowledge the joint leadership of Greece's Alexis Tsipras and North Macedonia's Zoran Zaev. The two prime ministers put 30 years of acrimony between their neighboring countries behind them when they agreed that the former Yugoslav republic should officially be renamed from Macedonia to North Macedonia and Greece should drop its objections to its neigh bor joining NATO.

On the literature side, the British website Nicer Odds has solved the dilemma of having two winners announced this year by only taking bets on the 2019 winner. Among the favorites are Canadian poet Anne Carson, novelists Maryse Conde of Guadeloupe and Can Xue of China and Canadian writer Margaret Atwood, author of "The Handmaid's Tale," which has been made into a hit TV series.

Ex-President Jimmy Carter has black eye, stitches after fall

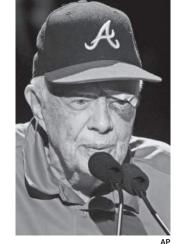
By KRISTIN M. HALL ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— Former President Jimmy Carter had a black eye and 14 stitches after falling Sunday at his Georgia home, but made it to an evening concert in Tennessee to rally volunteers ahead of his 36th home building project for Habitat for Humanity.

The 39th president fell earlier in the day at his home in Plains, Georgia, and required the stitches above his brow. By Sunday evening, Carter was on stage at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville with his wife Rosalynn, 92, to talk to volunteers and supporters of the building project that runs through Friday.

Carter turned 95 last Tuesday, becoming the first U.S. president to reach that mile-

He told the crowd Sunday evening that he had to go to the hospital and get 14 stitches, "but I had a No. 1 priority and that was to come to Nashville and build houses."



Former President Jimmy Carter speaks during the Habitat for Humanity Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project opening ceremony at the Ryman Auditorium, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn.

Carter wore an Atlanta Braves baseball cap, but his left eye was swollen and bruised and he had a white bandage above his eye. The Carters were introduced by country stars Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, who called the Carters the hardest working volunteers, and sang some duets during the concert and ceremony.

Rosalynn Carter praised the country music couple for volunteering at previous Habitat for Humanity building projects, saying she once saw Yearwood way up in the rafters of a home working hard during construction.

Former President Carter then joked, "While Garth just watched her," drawing laughs from the crowd and from Yearwood. Carter seemed to be in good spirits and came out a short time later on stage to point to his baseball cap and mention that the Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals that day as well.

Twenty-one homes are scheduled to be built in a neighborhood in Nashville. The concert also featured performances by Melinda Doolittle, the Fisk Jubilee Singers and members of the Nashville Symphony Quartet.

Carter survived a dire cancer diagnosis in 2015 and surpassed George H.W. Bush as the longest-lived U.S. president in history this spring. He has had some trouble walking after a hip replacement in May, but regularly teaches Sunday School.

Meanwhile, he has continued with his humanitarian work. And he also has occasionally weighed in on politics and policy, recently expressing hopes that his Carter Center will become a more forceful advocate against armed conflicts in the future, including 'wars by the United States."

"I just want to keep the whole world at peace," Carter had said as he presented his annual Carter Center report last month. "We have been at war more than 226 years. We have been at peace for about 16 years" since the Declaration of Independence in 1776, he said, adding that every U.S. military conflict from the Korean War onward has been a war of "choice."

Carter also has been accepting visits from several 2020 presidential candidates of late, but he's held back on endorsing any of his fellow Democrats, offering few clues about his thoughts of the campaign.

'Joker' laughs its way to October box office record

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The filmmakers and studio behind "Joker" have reason to put on a happy face. Despite concerns over its violent themes and ramped up theater security, audiences flocked to the multiplex to check out the R-rated film this weekend resulting in a record October opening.

Warner Bros. said Sunday that "Joker" grossed an estimated \$93.5 million in ticket sales from 4,374 screens in North America. The previous October record-holder was the Spider-Man spinoff "Venom" which opened to \$80 million last year. Internationally, "Joker" earned \$140.5 million from 73 markets, resulting in a stunning \$234 million global debut.

"This was a much larger result at the box office than we

embracing the

month, "Joker"

has been both

had ever antici-"Joker," \$93.5 million pated globally,' (\$140.5 million said Jeff Goldinternational). Warner stein, "**Abominable**," \$12 million Bros.' president (\$24.6 million international) domestic "Downton Abbey," \$8 distribution. million (\$6.6 million "Putting records international). aside, we're "**Hustlers**," \$6.3 million (\$1.9 million international) just thrilled that audiences are "It Chapter Two," \$5.4 million (\$5.6 million

movie as strong "Ad Astra," \$4.6 million as they are." (\$7.3 million international). Since debut-"Judy," \$4.4 million (\$1.9 ing at the Venice million international). Film Festival "Rambo: Last Blood," where it won \$3.6 million (\$4.3 million the prestigious international). Golden Lion last 9. "War," \$1.5 million (\$2.9

international).

million international).

10. "Good Boys," \$900,000.

praised and criticized for its dark spin on the classic Batman villain played by Joaquin Phoenix. The film from director and co-writer Todd Phillips was always seen as a bit of a gamble with one of the studios' most valuable pieces of intellectual property, hence its modest-for-a-comicbook-film \$55 million budget.

But in the weeks leading up to its release, hype and uneasiness intensified beyond how audiences would react to placing this character in a realistic and unambiguously adult setting with "Taxi Driver" undertones. Responding to anxiety that the film might have the potential to inspire violence, multiple theater chains banned costumes or reaffirmed earlier policies regarding masks and authorities in numerous cities said they were stepping police patrols around theaters. Some relatives of the 2012 Aurora movie theater shooting even asked Warner Bros . to commit to gun control causes—the studio said it always has.

While some worried this would impact the box office, it did not ultimately detract audiences from turning out opening weekend; the box office surpassed industry expectations and may rise even higher when weekend actuals are reported Monday. Although the film got a B+ CinemaScore from opening night audiences,

the studio is optimistic about its long-term playability.

"Sixty-six percent of the audience was under the age of 35," Goldstein said. "That tells you that the audience will expand out with that younger group as time goes on." The younger audience also gave the film a more favorable A-CinemaScore.

Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for box office tracker Comscore, said that the convergence of critical acclaim and controversy actually helped the film become bigger than expected at the box office.

"It's the ultimate watercooler movie right now," Dergarabedian said.

He added that it was important that "Joker" was always

marketed as a 'very dark, R-

rated film." "It always had an element of mystery and

danger surrounding it," Dergarabedian said. "If it were a G-rated film, controversy like this would not be a good thing."

In the landscape of R-rated book comic films, "Joker" is nestled between "Deadpool" and its sequel, both of which

opened over \$125 million, and "Logan," which launched with \$88.4 million.

"Joker" was the only new wide release this weekend, which is down from last year when both "Venom" and "A Star is Born" opened. Holdovers populated the top 10: The more family friendly "Abominable" landed in second place with \$12 million in its second weekend and "Downton Abbey" took third in its third weekend with \$8 million.

With awards buzz behind it, the Judy Garland biopic "Judy," starring Renee Zellweger, added nearly 1,000 screens this weekend and placed seventh with \$4.5 million from 1,458 locations.

And in limited release, Pedro Almodóvar's critically acclaimed "Pain and Glory" launched on four screens to a solid \$160,087. Less fortunate was the Natalie Portmanled astronaut drama "Lucy in the Sky" which earned only \$55,000 from 37 theaters resulting in a dismal \$1,500 per screen average.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.



In this Aug. 1, 2014, file photo, pedestrians make their way in front of the Metropolitan Opera house at New York's Lincoln Center.

Met Opera starts regular Sunday matinees, breaking tradition

the audience wore tuxedos and evening gowns, others wore jeans and sneakers. There was even a man wearing a black sleeveless shirt and blue suede cowboy boots.

The Metropolitan Opera began regular Sunday-afternoon staged performances for the first time in its 136-year history with Puccini's "Turandot," an effort to boost ticket sales and revenue.

"I love it. Outstanding," said E.G. Fisher, a 51-year-old New Yorker who was attending the performance with his 15-year-old daughter, Bella, a high school junior. "We get to watch the whole opera and don't have to go home early and do homework."

As part of three-year labor

mer of 2018, the Met has the right to present up to 17 Sunday matinees this season and 27 in 2020-21. Any Sunday show will be followed by a Monday off for both performances and orchestra rehearsals. And Tuesday-morning rehearsals will have limits.

"On a weekend people can relax and devote three or four hours that an opera takes," Met general manager Peter Gelb said. "This is not confined to the Met. Sunday matinees on Broadway have been hugely

Last season saw 75 percent of tickets sold and 69 percent of box office revenue capacity realized factoring in discounts, down from 90 percent in the 1990s. The Met said 78 per-

NEW YORK (AP)—Some in contracts agreed to in the sum- cent of Sunday's tickets were sold to paying customers and next Sunday's performance of the Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess" is sold out.

The Met has long presented seven performances a week from fall through spring: evenings from Monday through Saturday, plus a Saturday matinee. The Saturday afternoon shows have been featured since 1931 on radio, a series that runs from December through the end of the season. High-definition video simulcasts to theaters started in 2006-07 and now transmit about 10 matinees per season.

There were Grand Sunday Night Concerts from 1883-1944 plus the occasional Sunday-night staged gala, including the premieres of Herbert

Graf's production of Verdi's "Otello" with Georg Solti conducting in 1963 and of Marc Chagall's designs of Mozart's "Die Zauberfloete (The Magic Flute)" in 1967.

But moving forward, there will be regular Sunday afternoons and fewer Monday evenings—traditionally the dressiest night of the week at the Met, with a marked increase of men in white tie and tailcoats.

This will be a massive shift in lifestyle for all of us," said Brad Gemeinhardt, a third horn and representative of the Met's orchestra committee. "For those of us with families and children in school, we now have committed another weekend day to the Met, which means we no longer have a full day to spend with our families."

Thousands show up for free Kanye West 'service' in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Thousands of people showed up to an outdoor shopping

center in Utah to see rapper Kanye West perform what he calls a worship service.

Prince Harry to sue 2 UK tabloids over alleged phone hacking

LONDON (AP)—Prince Harry is suing The Sun and the Daily Mirror, two of Britain's most popular tabloid newspapers, over alleged phone hacking.

Buckingham Palace confirmed Saturday that claims regarding "illegal interception of voicemail messages" were filed on Harry's behalf. The palace declined to say more or provide details "given the particulars of the claims are not yet public."

News Group Newspapers, which owns The Sun and the now defunct News of the World, acknowledged the prince's High Court action while Reach, which owns the Mirror, said it was "aware that proceedings have been issued" but hasn't yet received notice of them.

The cases escalate Harry's fight with the British tabloids. It comes days after his American wife, Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, sued the Mail on Sunday for alleged copyright infringement, misuse of private information and violating the U.K.'s data protection law after the paper published

a letter she wrote to her father.

Harry then lambasted British tabloids after Meghan filed her lawsuit on Tuesday, saying in a statement that his wife's lawsuit, which was months in the making, was a response to a "ruthless campaign" to smear her by creating "lie after lie at her expense" during her maternity leave.

The prince accused the British media of hounding Meghan the way it did his mother, Princess Diana, who died in a 1997 car crash while trying to elude paparazzi.

British tabloid newspapers have paid millions of dollars to settle claims that their employees had hacked the phone voicemails of celebrities, politicians and others in the public eye.

Michelle Obama's next project is a companion to 'Becoming'

YORK NEW (AP)—Michelle Obama's first project since "Becoming" is more about her readers than about herself.

"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your **Obama** Voice" will be published Nov. 19 by Clarkson Potter, an imprint of Penguin Random House. The new release was announced Monday. It is a companion to her multimillion-selling "Becoming,"



questions related to her memoir. It is designed to help readers tell their own stories. In the introduction, Obama writes that she hopes the journal will encourage people to write down their "experiences, thoughts, and

feelings, in all their imperfec-

tions, and without judgment."

which came out last

November. It features

an introduction by

the former first lady

and quotations and

Saturday's concert was held right before the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held its twice-yearly conference in Salt Lake City.

his worship service and performed one song-"Jesus Walks," from his 2004 album "The College Dropout."

Afterward, the Salt Lake Tri-West took the stage late in bune reported that West prayed and testified to the crowd about his religious journey.

He also talked politics and what he called the dangers of social media.

The Deseret News reported

that between 7,000 and 10,000 people attended the event.

West has been traveling the country holding these churchlike concerts that include choir singers and other musicians.

Broadway theater will turn into a cinema for 'The Irishman'

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway will be turning back the clock next month when it converts one of its august theaters into a movie theater and starts screenings of Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman."

Netflix is going to put up a screen in the Belasco Theatre and show the movie on the Broadway model of eight performances a week-Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 1-Dec 1.

The Belasco has been empty since the play "Network" ended its run in June. Its next tenant will be "Girl from the North Country" in March. Broadway producers lately have been creative about us-



ing the theater spaces when vacant, including programing concerts, magic shows and improv performances.

While unprecedented these days, turning the 1,000-seat

Belasco into a movie house is an echo from the past. Almost every Broadway theater that is still standing was converted to showing movies, recording radio broadcasts, or being used Joe Pesci, left, and Al Pacino speak as they attend the world premiere of "The Irishman" at Alice Tully Hall during the opening night of the 57th New York Film Festival on Friday, Sept. 27, 2019, in New York.

as a TV recording studio at some point in Times Square's seedier days, says Tim Dolan, a Broadway historian who is owner of the Broadway Up Close Walking Tours Inc.

The mobster flick "The Irishman" stars Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Joe Pesci. It represents a big risk for Netflix, which ponied up \$159 million to make "The Irishman" after other studios passed.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

LA Opera eliminates **Placido Domingo's** old job title

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Los Angeles Opera has announced that the company's president and CEO, Christopher Koelsch, will take over the duties of Placido Domingo, who resigned last week as general director amid allegations of sexual harassment. LA Opera's board of directors said in a statement Monday it was "consolidating the duties" of general director with Koelsch's current jobs. Domingo resigned as general director, a job he held since 2003, saying his ability to continue at LA Opera

was compromised by the accusations against him. In reports published by The Associated Press, more than 20 women accused the legendary tenor of sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct. Domingo has denied any wrongdoing. Koelsch has held various positions at LA Opera since 1997 and was appointed president and chief executive in 2012.

New York library exhibit to pay tribute to JD Salinger

NEW YORK (AP) — An upcoming exhibit at the New York Public Library will offer a look into the very private life of J.D. Salinger. From Oct. 18 to Jan 20, 2020, the library will show materials ranging from family photographs to letters to the original typescript for his classic "The Catcher in the Rye." The exhibit is called "J.D. Salinger" and was organized by the library in partnership with the author's widow, Colleen Salinger, and son, Matt Salinger. Matt Salinger said that while he plans to release his father's unpublished writings at some point, the library will not be showing any unpublished material. J.D. Salinger, who died in 2010, published no books after the 1960s but continued to write during

the following decades. Fans have long obsessed over what he had been working on. The exhibit will help mark the 100th anniversary of Salinger's birth. In a statement Monday, Matt Salinger said that he hopes to lift "the veil a bit" on his famous father, whom he acknowledged avoided public scrutiny in his lifetime. "But I've learned that while he may have only fathered two children there are a great, great many readers out there who have their own rather profound relationships with him, through his work, and who have long wanted to get to know him better," Matt Salinger said.

Roommate's presence complicates 'friends with benefit' setup

EAR ABBY: I've been spending time with a certain gentleman for more than five years. I am in love with him. We dated at first, then became friends with benefits. He had another woman move in with him a few years ago, but we are still friends with benefits, and he has become my best friend. He listens when I need someone to talk to and knows how to give a good pep talk when I need one. We talk several hours a day and text throughout the day.

I know in my heart we are meant to be together. He tells me he loves me but says he can't ask the other woman to move out because she doesn't have anywhere to go until she makes the person living in her house move out. How do I talk to him about this?

OTHER WOMAN

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: Friends do not string friends along for years, which is what this "gentleman" has been doing to you.

He invited the other woman to move in because she is providing something he finds of value. (Are you sure they haven't gotten married or enjoy similar benefits?) If he wanted her out, he would find a way to do it. During your next "hourslong" phone call, tell him that as much as you care for him, you can no longer continue to live in limbo. Give him a deadline to get rid of his houseguest and, if he

doesn't meet it, cut off his "benefits."

DEAR ABBY: As a woman, I am infuriated by men of all ages who have to adjust their crotches all the time. Is there any way we can tell these men that what they're doing is vulgar and embarrassing, and it's rude to do this in public? I'm almost tempted to caress my breasts with both hands and push upward. But I guess that would be worse. Any ideas?

INFURIATED IN TOPEKA

DEAR INFURIATED: Forget hoisting your breasts skyward. Rather than succumb to infuriation, dig deep and try to feel some sympathy. This has everything to do with our Creator's grand design. Because men's genitalia are external, they sometimes get pinched in their clothing, which is uncomfortable. It's only natural that they reflexively try to remedy the situation. Because it bothers you so much, try looking elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: After a long period of infertility, a dear friend of mine found out she is expecting. Unfortunately, a mutual friend at work stole her thunder and told me about the pregnancy before she had a chance to tell me herself. While I'm pleased to hear that she's pregnant, I'm also a bit upset that because I already know, I can no longer give her a genuine reac-

DEAR ABBY

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tion consisting of love, shock and excitement when she tells me face-to-face. Of course I will still express how happy I am, but should I let her know I was already informed?

ALREADY KNOW IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ALREADY KNOW: By all means tell your friend how happy you are for her and that you know how long she has wanted this. Express to her how exciting the news is, but do NOT tell her you already heard it from a co-worker.

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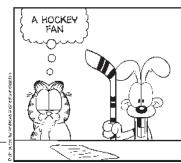




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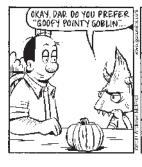
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Learn all you can. Listen to what others have to say and what they are planning to do. Knowledge is power, and it will give you the wisdom

you need to make the right and best choice for you. 🛇 🔾 🔾 TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Settle down, and settle into a pattern that will help you

reach your destination. Having a plan in place will encourage others to come on board and help you bring about the changes you want to put in place. Romance is highlighted. OCCO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't lose sight of your goals or your intentions. Truth matters, and when dealing with people you need on your side, it's essential to build strong, reliable relationships if you want the

help and support you need. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get into a heated discussion over something unproven. You are best to take a waitand-see approach to any changes that are taking place. It's not worth ruining a relationship or your reputation. Choose love and romance over discord. OOOOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your actions will count. Strive for justice and fair play. How you treat others and what you are willing to do will affect your reputation and your position. If you can use what you already have,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share your thoughts, make suggestions and stick to what you know you can handle. Offer al-

ternatives to someone who is being unrealistic or pressuring you to get involved in something too costly or indulgent. Stability is favored. •••

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop worrying about what at ing about what others are doing, and start doing what works for you. A change of plans geared toward handling your money, possessions and assets should be put into play. A fi-

nancial gain is within reach. 00000 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An older friend or relative will offer sound advice. Don't let a personal matter consume you.

If something is bothering you, deal with it, and move on. Don't put up with something or someone that is causing you stress. 🗪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving forward until you reach your destination. Whether dealing with personal or professional matters, finishing what you start should be your priority. Don't let what someone else does impact your plans.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't lose sight of your personal responsibilities because you are trying to be an overachiever at work or in other areas of your life. It's essential to nurture your foundation if you want it to house a sturdy and stable monument.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your state of mind will determine how well you get along with others. Re-evaluate what's important to you, and it will make a difference to the way you handle sensitive situations. A change of heart will prompt you to make a decision. 🛇 🛇 🗘

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on monetary matters as well as contracts and records that need to be updated. Simplify your life rather than making it more stressful. Too much of anything will weigh heavily on the way you deal with people who are demanding or excessive.

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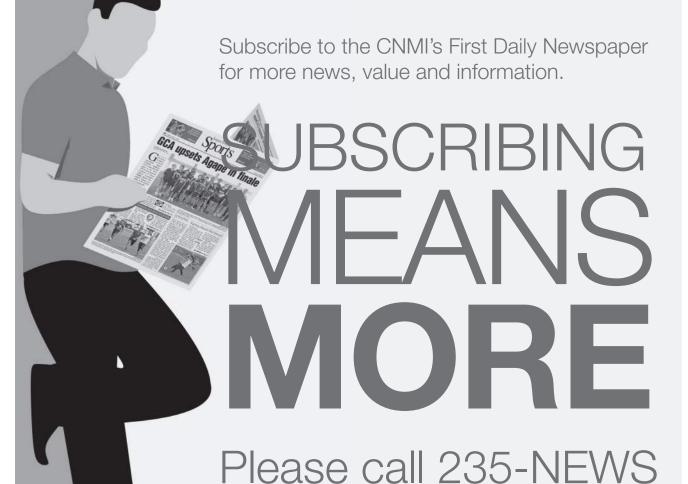
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Yankees sweep Twins, advance to ALCS



LIS (AP)— Gleyber Torres

got New York going with a second-inning home run, scored on each of his two doubles and made a pair of sparkling defensive plays, fueling the Yankees to a 5-1 victory over Minnesota on Monday night to finish yet another sweep of the Twins and advance to the AL Championship Series.

Didi Gregorius hit two RBI singles and Cameron Maybin homered for the Yankees, who stretched their postseason winning streak over the Twins to 13 straight games.

"The way we played tonight championship-caliber baseball," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said during the clubhouse celebration. "Just really proud of the effort, 'cause I know we wanted to finish this off and get back home."

Following a 103-win regular season and its first AL East title since 2012, New York, starts the AL Championship Series on Saturday, at home against Tampa Bay or at Houston.

'We're focused already to the second series," Torres said.

AL Central champion Minnesota became the first 100win team swept in the Division Series. The Twins are 2-16 against the Yankees in the playoffs since the 2004 ALDS opener. Outscored 23-7 in the series, they batted just .218 and after hitting a record 307 homers had just four in the Division Series, all solo shots.

Minnesota has lost 16 consecutive postseason games, matching the North American major sports record held by the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL from 1975-79.

"Our guys should be walking out of that clubhouse with our heads held high, and they never stopped playing," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "We got beat over the last three days, and there's no way around that. That's going to happen from



New York Yankees' Gleyber Torres, right, slides safely into second base as Minnesota Twins second baseman Luis Arraez, left, fields the ball during a double in the seventh inning in Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Minneapolis.

time to time, but what an amazing season it was."

Yankees starter Luis Severino pitched out of trouble for four scoreless innings in just his fourth big league appearance after recovering from a spring training lat injury. Chad Green, the third of five relievers, got four outs for the win and Aroldis Chapman got the final five outs, freezing Nelson Cruz with a 99 mph called third strike to end it.

Gregorius went 4 for 10 with six RBIs in the series. Dating to the 2017 wild card game, he's 23 for 50 with seven homers and 33 RBIs in just 14 games against the Twins.

"All we did was to go out there and play our best baseball," Gregorius said.

Eddie Rosario went 3 for 4 for the Twins with a homer to lead off the eighth off Zack Britton, who was limping a

bit after covering first base on a grounder two batters earlier and left in the eighth with assistance from head athletic trainer Steve Donahue. Yankees relievers allowed three runs over 13 1/3 innings, in the series.

On this idyllic fall evening that started at 62 degrees, the Twins trotted out Torii Hunter for the ceremonial first pitch to fellow retired fan favorite Joe Mauer, and the sellout crowd of 41,121 for the first postseason game at Target Field since the ballpark's 2010 debut was buzzing.

Nationals 6, Dodgers 1

They were born just 61 days apart, and while their baseball fates have been intertwined for the past five years, Ryan Zimmerman and Max Scherzer occupy different corners in the fresh landscape of the Washington Nationals franchise.

Zimmerman was the OG

star, their first draft pick in 2005 and instant franchise face who gave fans hope in grim years and 30-plus homers in his best years. Scherzer is the undisputed king these days, providing a holiday for a subset of D.C. every fifth day when he snarls around the mound at Nationals Park.

Monday night, though, the 35-year-old stalwarts joined forces to send a powerful message that their franchise, their teammates and fans can easily appreciate:

We're not done, yet.

Facing elimination and a 106-win Los Angeles Dodgers team that had every advantage coming into this National League Division Series, Zimmerman provided desperately needed cover for Scherzer with a three-run home run that gave the three-time Cy Young Award winner a five-run lead.

From there, Scherzer tapped into every ounce of his reserves to bull through seven innings and give the bullpendeficient Nationals a seasonsaving, 6-1 victory.

For the fourth time in franchise history, the Nationals will attempt to win a decisive Game 5 and their first playoff series ever. They can sleep in Tuesday before an afternoon flight to Los Angeles ahead of Wednesday's Game 5.

Some will need the rest more than others.

"We're a bunch of viejos," Scherzer said of he, Zimmerman and the 16 Nationals on the wrong side of 30. "We're old guys. Old guys can still do it."

Rays 2, Astros 1

In Florida, Charlie Morton to the rescue, again.

Kevin Kiermaier hit a goahead, three-run homer as Tampa Bay teed off on Zack Greinke, and the Rays got another clutch playoff performance from Morton to beat the Houston Astros 10-3 Monday and cut their AL Division Series deficit to 2-1.

Facing the team he helped win the World Series two years ago, Morton allowed one run and three hits while striking out nine over five innings. The 35-yearold right-hander is 4-0 with a 0.95 ERA in four career elimination starts, including last week's wild-card win at Oakland.

"It's just what Charlie's done all year," manager Kevin Cash said. "He's got that knack for doing some special things for us, and he did it again."

announced after the game that

Houston will start Justin Verlander on three days of rest in Game 4 of the best-of-five matchup at Tropicana Field on Tuesday. Tampa Bay will use Diego Castillo as an opener.

Cardinals 5, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Yadier Molina came through not once, but twice for the St. Louis Cardinals

The Redbirds beat the Atlanta Braves 5-4 in dramatic, walk-off fashion in the 10th inning to even the National League Division Series two-game apiece.

The victory sets up a winner-take-all Game 5 on Wednesday at SunTrust Park.

Molina hit the game-tying single in the eighth inning and drove in the winning run in the 10th inning on a sacrifice fly off Braves pitcher Julio Teheran.

"I like those moments," Molina said.

Teheran was recently added to the Braves roster after pitcher Chris Martin was injured in Game 1.

Second baseman Kolten Wong led off the 10th inning with a ground-rule double off Teheran. After Paul Goldschmidt was intentionally walked, Wong advanced to third on Marcell Ozuna's forceout. Then it was Molina time. The 37-year old hit a deep fly ball to left that scored Wong to end the game in walkoff fashion.

"I lost it right there," Molina said. "I think I tossed the bat in the bullpen."

This time it was the Cardinals who got the last laugh in front of a frenzied home crowd at Busch Stadium, unlike in Game 4 when the Braves rallied for three runs in the ninth inning.

Mets, Beltrán have mutual interest for managerial opening

NEW YORK—The Mets is warming to the possibility became the seventh team to Mickey Callaway after two seasons, and now they're getting creative in their search for his replacement.

While most of the connections had previously been speculation, the Mets appear to have sincere interest in bringing in former outfielder and future Hall of Famer Carlos Beltrán as their next manager.

According to a report, the Mets have been doing background work on Beltrán, while the 42-year-old

of pursuing the job. Beltrán create a managerial vacancy played in Queens from 2005- have been known to be atypi- eaten the last year in Callaway's on Thursday when they fired 11 and also has connections cal. Last winter, they hired contract. Hiring a big name like with the current front office as special assistant Omar Minaya and assistant GM Allard Baird (then of the Kansas City Royals) both acquired him during his playing days.

Beltrán would be an atypical hire, given that he has no managerial experience at any level. Immediately after retiring in 2017, he interviewed to potentially become the New York Yankees skipper, losing out to Aaron Boone, and later joined their front office as a special advisor.

agent Brodie Van Wagenen to be their general manager despite him lacking any front office experience. They've had more than their fair share of ups and downs with the disastrous Robinson Canó-Edwin Díaz trade but also shrewdly naming Pete Alonso their starting first baseman on Opening Day.

The Mets may also have to look outside the box considering their budget. Owner Fred Wilpon is not known to be the

most free-spending person in But to be fair, the Mets town, and the Mets have already Joe Maddon or Joe Girardi may not be in the cards.

Hiring someone who lacks managerial experience at any level can be a huge roll of the dice. Boone has worked out well for the Yankees, but Brad Ausmus has been fired twice in three years. Beltrán was beloved as a player, played a key role as a veteran leader on the 2017 Houston Astros championship team and is bilingual, but little can replace hands-on experience.

Astros manager AJ Hinch

Zion shows high-flying skills in preseason debut

ATLANTA (AP)— Zion Williamson may not be quite as tall as billed.

He still soared in his first NBA preseason game Monday night.

Showing off the high-flying talents that made him one of the most anticipated rookies in years, Williamson turned in a ferocious slam less than 2 minutes into his debut with the New Orleans Pelicans and dunked it two more times before the first half was done against the Atlanta Hawks.

"This isn't high school or college anymore," Williamson said. "You've got to go up strong. So I went up strong and I was able to finish."

It was quite the close-range repertoire.

One with the right hand.
One with the left hand

One with the left hand. One with both hands.

Williamson finished with 16 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals, helping the Pelicans to a 133-109 victory over the Hawks before a much larger crowd—announced at 15,441—than what normally be expected in Atlanta for a weeknight exhibition between two teams that failed to make the playoffs last season.

"I didn't expect that many people to come," Williamson said.

Of course, the score was irrelevant. This was chance to see the future of the NBA for the first time—not counting his brief stint in the Las Vegas Summer League — and Williamson did not disappoint, though he's not close to being a finished product after just one college season at Duke. He missed a pair of 3-point attempts, turned it over four times and looked a bit lost defensively.

At one point, teammate Jrue Holiday, who has been in the league a decade, gently nudged him into the proper position.

Still, it was a tantalizing glimpse of Williamson's skills.

"You know me," he said, breaking into a big smile. "It was a lot of fun. The first NBA game. It's not going to count against the record. But the first one of hopefully many. I'm glad I could get that one under my belt."

Just 62 seconds into the game, he took a pass from Lonzo Ball on the pick-and-roll and banked one in while drawing the foul from John Collins. Williamson knocked down the free throw and—voila—he had his first three-point play. A small section of the Atlanta crowd chanted "Overrated!" but their hearts weren't really in it.

Williamson was still listed at 6-foot-7 on the Pelicans roster, though he reportedly measured an inch shorter without shoes



New Orleans Pelicans forward Zion Williamson (1) soars for a dunk during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Atlanta.

Williamson lingered at mid-

as part of the league's push to accurately measure everyone in the league this season.

Whatever the case, he turned Hawks 7-footer Damian Jones into the first of what will likely be an abundance of poster victims with his next basket.

Sizing up the Hawks from beyond the 3-point arc, Williamson suddenly burst toward the hoop, split a pair of defenders and dunked over the taller Jones with a fearsome right hand that left the fans gasping. "I just saw the lane open up," Williamson said.

A couple of minutes later, Williamson delivered a two-handed slam off another pass from Ball, an enticing display from a young duo that has come together in the Big Easy. In the second quarter, it was a left-handed dunk set up by a dish from Kenrich Williams as the Hawks defense wisely scrambled out of the way.

Before the game, the past and future came together.

court during warmups, clearly eager for a chance to pay his respects to the NBA's senior citizen. Atlanta's 42-year-old Vince Carter, preparing for his

record 22nd—and final—season, came over to say a few words to the 19-year-old phenom, pulling him in close to make sure he could hear it all. "I told to enjoy the moment,

have fun and be himself," Carter said.

After the introductions and

the national anthem, Williamson took the court with his new team, a franchise that was rocked by Anthony Davis' trade demand but quickly recovered by landing the first overall pick in the draft lottery.

Davis was dealt to the Los Angeles Lakers for a haul that included Ball and Brandon Ingram—both of whom joined the teenager in a Pelicans starting lineup that also included Holiday and Derrick Favors.

The rebuilding teams fea-

tured four of the top 10 picks in this year's draft.

The Hawks sent out No. 5 pick De'Andre Hunter as part of their starting lineup, and brought 10th selection Cam Reddish—Williamson's Duke teammate—off the bench. The Pelicans also have No. 8 choice Jaxson Hayes.

Williamson was thrilled to get a chance to take the court with Reddish again, even though they are now on opposite teams.

NBA under fire after response to Rockets-China incident

BEIJING—For more than a decade, NBA teams have traveled to China every autumn to stage exhibition games and to spread the sport's gospel in a crucial international market. This year, the league finds its annual overseas journey consumed by the political fallout prompted by an executive's tweet in support of Hong Kong protesters.

Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey sparked a furious backlash Friday when he tweeted: "Fight for freedom. Stand with Hong Kong."

China has been embroiled in four months of demonstrations, which began in June in opposition to a proposal to a bill that would allow people to be extradited from Hong Kong to China, and the response was swift and unyielding. The Chinese Basketball Association announced it would sever ties with the Rockets, as did Tencent, the NBA's rights holder in China, and the Rockets' Chinese sponsors.

Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai, the billionaire co-founder of the Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba, said Morey's tweet was "so damaging to the relationship with our fans in China" and that "the hurt that this incident has caused will take a long time to repair." Tsai also referred to Hong Kong as a "third-rail issue" in Chinese politics.

Morey, who deleted his original Twitter post, sought to tamp down the response. "I was merely voicing one thought, based on one interpretation, of one complicated event," he said in a statement. "I would hope that those who are upset will know that offending or misunderstanding them was not my intention."

The NBA also tried to assuage Chinese concerns, issuing its own statement that said it was "regrettable" that Morey's tweet had "deeply offended many of our friends and fans in China." Although the league did not discipline Morey, its statement noted the

NBA's "great respect for the history and culture of China" and did not mention the Hong Kong protesters.

Almost immediately, though, the NBA came under attack from politicians and commentators who viewed its response as overly deferential to the Chinese government and lacking in support for prodemocracy voices. The NBA, which has sought to cultivate an inclusive and progressive reputation under Commissioner Adam Silver, was accused of hypocrisy and of putting its financial interests over its ideals.

"I thought the NBA was proud to be the 'wokest professional sports league'?" wrote Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) on Twitter. "I guess that only applies to speaking out on American politics and social issues. ... China regulating speech in America is dangerous."

Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) added: "The NBA wants money, and the Communist Party of China is asking them to deny the most basic of human rights.

In response, the NBA issued a statement saying money is the most important thing."

The outrage came from both sides of the aisle.

Beto O'Rourke, a Democratic presidential candidate from Texas, said, "The only thing the NBA should be apologizing for is their blatant prioritization of profits over human rights," terming the league's statement "an embarrassment."

"No one should implement a gag rule on Americans speaking out for freedom," Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) wrote on Twitter. "I stand with the people of Hong Kong in their pursuit of democratic rights. I stand with Americans who want to voice their support for the people of Hong Kong. Unacceptable."

This type of outcry is a rarity for the NBA under Silver, whose tenure has been marked by his even-keeled personality, his player-friendly approach and the league's significant financial growth.

The NBA's global aspira-

tions rely heavily on China, with Silver regularly referring to the country, and its population of 1.4 billion, as a top priority and, as he said in June, an "enormous opportunity." Silver's predecessor, David Stern, began laying roots in the country with a partnership with CCTV in 1987. The NBA began hosting exhibition games in China in 2004, and the NBA officially opened its NBA China office in 2008. The Los Angeles Lakers and Brooklyn Nets will play exhibition games this week in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

According to league figures, 640 million Chinese viewers consumed NBA content during the 2017-18 season, and the NBA's most recent five-year extension with Tencent was reportedly worth \$1.5 billion. Tencent announced that 21 million people used its service to watch the decisive game of the 2019 NBA Finals— topping the viewership number in the United States.

49ers stay perfect, dominate Browns



S A N T A CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Richard Sherman has a strong message

for anyone still doubting the unbeaten San Francisco 49ers.

"Don't flip-flop," Sherman said after the 49ers thumped the Cleveland Browns 31-3 on Monday night. "If you said we weren't going to make it, you said we were some way early on, stick with that position. Hold it. Don't try to give us credit now. At least stick by your word because I want you to sound like an idiot at the end. We know what we have in the building."

What the 49ers have is their best start since Joe Montana was throwing touchdowns to Jerry Rice.

But it wasn't the passing game that carried San Francisco past Cleveland. A steady, pounding running game and a dominant defensive effort did the trick this time.

Matt Breida ran 83 yards for a touchdown on San Francisco's first play from scrimmage, Baker Mayfield was harassed into his worst game as a pro, and the 49ers stayed unbeaten for their best start in nearly 30 years.

Even then, there were some questioning San Francisco's legitimacy.

"I feel like they're going to say that all year about us," said Breida, who had 114 yards on 11 carries. "I don't think anyone expected us to be 4-0 this year, to be honest. Probably expected us to be 0-4. They can say whatever they want. All that matters is who's in this locker room."

Tevin Coleman added a 19yard score as part of a dominant ground game on a day when quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 181 yards and kicker Robbie Gould missed a pair of field goal attempts and had a third try blocked.

San Francisco (4-0) joined the 5-0 New England Patriots as the only remaining unde-



feated teams in the NFL. It's the first time the 49ers have won their first four games since 1990.

"It's a good start is really all it is," Garoppolo said. "We have a good mindset in that locker room."

The Browns (2-3) are headed the opposite direction after losing two of three, with fresh concerns about their young quarterback

"You can't have mistakes.

You can't have turnovers. You can't have drops. You can't have penalties," Cleveland coach Freddie Kitchens said. "Offensively, that kind of summed us up. We just shot ourselves in the foot too many times."

Mayfield had a horrible game. The No. 1 overall pick last year, Mayfiaeld completed 8 of 22 passes for a career-low 100 yards, had a 13.4 passer rating, threw two interceptions, fumbled twice and was

sacked four times before being pulled in the fourth quarter.

It's the first time in Mayfield's 18 career starts that he failed to throw a touchdown pass.

"It was like one step forward, two back," Mayfield said. "No rhythm for the offense to get into. And when we did, we just got down in the red zone and didn't finish. The inconsistency is killing us right now."

Things were rough all

San Francisco 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa, center, sacks and forces a fumble by Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

around for Mayfield.

San Francisco defensive end Nick Bosa poked fun at the Browns quarterback after forcing Mayfield into a hurried incompletion in the second quarter. Bosa, the second overall draft pick, got up and pretended to wave a flag and plant it in the turf as the crowd roared. It was a clear shot at Mayfield, who planted an Oklahoma flag in the turf after leading the Sooners to win over Bosa and Ohio State in 2017.

"I think everybody knows what that was for," Bosa said. "Just wanted to get payback. He had it coming."

San Francisco forced four turnovers overall.

The 49ers were coming off a bye and had two weeks to prepare, while the Browns flew cross country.

It showed.

Breida raced past the Browns' front line and went untouched on his long touchdown run, waving to safety Demarious Randall as he sprinted into the end zone with the 49ers longest run of the season.

Fans at Levi's Stadium barely settled back into their seats when Sherman picked off Mayfield near midfield, setting a rough tone for Cleveland's second-year quarterback.

Breida and Coleman combined for 211 rushing yards as San Francisco outgained Cleveland 275-102 on the ground.

"It's something you always want to do as a coach," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "It's the easiest way to win. You play real good defense and you can run the ball, that takes some pressure off a lot of people and doesn't put you in a lot of risky situations."

Bills trade receiver Zay Jones to Raiders

(AP)—Receiver Zay Jones is going from the end of the Buffalo Bills bench to landing a fresh start with the Raiders after being traded to Oakland, a person familiar with the deal confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday.

Buffalo acquired a fifthround pick in the 2021 draft, according to the person who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the trade has not been announced. ESPN. com first reported the deal.

The trade comes as both teams enter their bye weeks, and a day after Jones sat on the Bills bench for all but one snap in a 14-7 win at Tennessee.

Rookie Duke Williams took over Jones' role as the No. 3 receiver and scored the decisive touchdown on a 7-yard catch in the fourth quarter a day after being promoted from the practice squad. Jones was upbeat following the game, and drew praise from Williams for providing him support before and during the game.

Jones' benching came week after he was faulted for not helping break up one of three interceptions thrown by Josh Allen in a 16-10 loss to New England. He also had a potential goahead touchdown glance off his fingertips in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Buffalo is 4-1, while Oakland improved to 3-2 following a 24-21 win over Chicago in a game played at

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. until playing at Green Bay on Oct. 20, have an injury depleted group of receivers with starters Tyrell Williams and J.J. Nelson both sidelined.

In Buffalo, Jones was expendable on a team carrying seven receivers following Williams' promotion.

Coach Sean McDermott provided no hint of the possibility of Jones being traded while speaking to reporters earlier in the day.

McDermott referred to Jones as someone who is continuing to develop.

"I think he's still young in his career and he'll continue to do a good job as he continues to focus on what he can control," McDermott said. "I really appreciated the way he took a team-first approach yesterday.'

The third-year player struggled this season in attempting to carve a niche in a retooled group of receivers following Buffalo's offseason additions of free agents John Brown and Cole Beasley.

Jones has just seven catches or 69 yards despite being targeted 18 times. That's a significant drop-off for a player who led Buffalo with 56 catches, 652 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

The Bills drafted Jones with a second-round pick in 2017 out of East Carolina after he had an FBS-leading 158 catches and 1,746 yards.

He is the son of former NFL linebacker Robert Jones, who won two Super Bowls with Dallas Cowboys in the early 1990s.

USWNT counters against pay claims

NEW YORK—The U.S. Mediation between the two parties broke down in players pushed back in a court August, weeks after U.S. two World Cup championships," the suit's plaintiffs said in Monday's filing on Monday against claims by the U.S. Soccer Federation that some members earn more than their male counterparts, as they argued for class action status in the latest chapter of their closelywatched legal fight.

All 28 member of the U.S. women's national soccer team sued the U.S. Soccer Federation for gender discrimination in March in a lawsuit that included complaints about wages and working conditions.

Soccer's President Carlos Cordeiro said in an oper letter that the organization has paid more to the women's team than the men's in recent years.

A week ago, the organization said it opposed the women's players bid for class action status in their suit.

"Over the class period, the (Women's National Team) has played far more games than the (Men's National Team) and amassed a far higher win percentage, including earning

court filing. "This is the only reason why the four (Women's National Team) class representatives were able to earn more total compen-

(Men's National Team)." Those four players—Megan Rapinoe, Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan and Becky Sauerbrunn-would have earned far more under the men's team's pay rate policy, the plaintiffs argued in the filing.

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A spokesman for U.S. Soc-

cer said members of the men's national team have the chance to earn larger bonuses, but they do not receive guaranteed money in their "pay-for-play contract structure."

"Our men and women's national teams have different pay structures, not because of gender, but because each team chose to negotiate a different compensation package with U.S. Soccer," the spokesman said.

The U.S. women's team successfully defended its World Cup title in July in France, defeating the Netherlands in the final. The team has four women's World Cup titles, more than any other nation.

The Raiders, who are off

Star Water triumphs; Free wins for TDI, Triple J

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Star Water clobbered Coca-Cola, 101-57, in the curtain-raiser

in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Star Water posted the 44-point winning margin after pulling away in the second quarter.

The second period started with Star Water ahead by only 3, 22-19, before the lead ballooned to 19 after the squad scored 33 points in that frame. Edwin Santos made 8 points in the game-changing second canto, while Renz Maraan and RenRen Gaviola added 6 points each to hand Star Water a 55-36 advantage at the break.

When the game resumed, a new set trio stepped in for Star Water, with Kristian Itaas, Jay Mafnas, and Bobby De Leon combining for 15 points to pad their lead to 77-49.

Coca-Cola, after staying in contention in the first half, continued its fall, as the game progressed. It was held to 13 points in the third quarter and had its worst offensive showing in the fourth, making only 8 markers, helping Star Water get the lopsided victory.

Star Water finished off Co-

"Even though we compet-

ed as individual and not as a

team, we did, however, com-

peted under our home island,

Lee ended up placing No. 9

overall out of 33 participants

in the Elite Division after

completing the 7-mile course

in 1:29:41 Camacho posted

"The distance was 7 miles

with 39 obstacles consisting

mostly of terrain runs with

hills and inside the jungle and

of course some mud pits, while

the obstacles dealt with a lot of

upper body strength. I finished

seventh at my age group cat-

egory and ninth overall out of

33 competitors, while the rest

of Team Marianas OCR fin-

ished respectfully given that

this year was their first OCR

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reational division.

CNMI," Lee said.



Top Development, Inc. and Joeten 1 players battle for the loose ball during an earlier game in the JP World caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. TDI won last Saturday via forfeit against RNV/ Best Deal, while Joeten 1 lost to Triple J.

ca-Cola by drilling five triples in the fourth quarter, three of them came from De Leon.

Itaas led the way for Star Water with his 20 points, while De Leon, Maranan, and

Mel Capalad had 25 for the

Mafnas contributed 13 apiece. hapless Coca-Cola, while J.R.

held late last month in Guam.

ever," he said. While Lee's teammates were first-timers, the MARPAC employee joined his fourth Trench Tech Challenge. He added that this year's Elite Division was far more competitive compared to the previous ones that he had competed in.

"Not only were there more competitors, but the obstacles were much more challenging. In addition, because Trench Challenge is now affiliated with the World OCR Federation, they have adopted their rules and regulations, which in turn have made the level of difficulty higher," Lee said.

One of the tough regulations implemented was each athlete was given three wristbands at the start of the race and he/she only had one attempt to complete one obstacle. If the participant fails, the officials will take away one wristband. Every lost wristband meant penalty for the participant and it will be applied at the penalty area before the finish line.

Lee said one of the penalties was to carry two 65-lb kettle bells around a loop (50-meter distance). The number of wristband lost was equivalent to how many loops an athlete had to take. Losing all three

wristbands would result in disqualification from the OCR World Championships, but participants were still allowed to proceed and finish the race.

Meanwhile, Team CNMI would like to thank all their sponsors and supporters, including Michelob Ultra, IT&E, Brabu, Safehouse, Marianas Visitors Authority, Latte Built Gvm. MO.DE Ftness, Monkey Biz Production, and Salty Skin Pacific.

Cabrera chipped in 14.

Meanwhile, Top Development, Inc. and Triple J Water got free victories after a noshow from their respective opponents last Saturday.

Star Water 101—Itaas 20,

Deleon 13, Maraan 13, Mafnas 13, Joyce 10, Gaviola 8, Dizon 6, Gallardo 6, Ombac 2.

Coca-Cola 57—Capalad 25, Cabrera 14, San Nicolas 10, Nuique 5, Estoque 3.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 55-36, 77-49, 101-57.

DFS to host Ride for Her

In recognition of the Breast made at the second floor of Cancer Awareness Month,

DFS will be hosting the Ride For Her on Oct. 26.

It will be the second time that DFS is organizing the race with proceeds to be donated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association to support CCA's programs that help CNMI residents diagnosed with cancer.

Registration and check-in time will be at 5:30am and go time is set for 6:15am. Bikes and E-bikes are welcome. Registration is \$10 and a free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 paid registrants. Payments can be DFS T-Galleria or at the ride

venue. Each participant will also be given one free raffle ticket.

The start and finish line will be at the DFS south entrance with bikers going to the Department of Fire and **Emergency Medical Services** station in Garapan near the American Memorial Park before heading down south up to the Pacific Island's Club Saipan and back to DFS.

For additional questions about the event, call 234-6615 or contact Amanda Ramon at amanda.ramon@dfs. com (Kimberly A. Bautista)

CARAVAN'S

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the second half, absorbing its fourth loss in six games and putting its playoff chances in danger. Only the Top 4 teams in the 10-squad league will advance to the playoffs after the round-robin regular season

Caravan's, on the other hand, kept its safe lead in the second half with Viray regaining his touch in the third period and Alex Standish stepping up in the fourth despite being saddled by foul trouble.

Viray led all scorers with his 32 points, while Standish

logged 20, including 11 in the final frame. Prince Factor also finished in twin digits with his 15 points. Fitial had 29 for AK Toyota, while De Guzman added 21.

With Caravan moving to third, the team is still in good position to make it to the next round.

Caravan's 87—Viray 32, Standish 20, Factor 15, Andrew 8, Quan 6, Sablan 4, Younis 2.

AK Toyota 68—Fitial 29, De Guzman 21, Guilas 8, Lauron 6, Castillo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-4, 41-29, 63-52, 87-68

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cific Oceania Junior Championships. Lee is the lone player in the Pacific to have won the U12, U14, and U16 division titles in the POJC, which featured 20 nations in the region.

While training in Fiji, Lee also managed to compete in Juniors ITF tournaments in Pacific Oceania, Australia, U.S., Mexico, Europe, Asia, and Africa, as she made it to as high as No. 114 in the world rankings and won numerous events.

"I am so thankful to all the coaches, staff, players, and teachers that I will miss in Fiji. I would also like to say a big thank you to the ITF for helping me achieve my tennis and personal goals every year," said Lee, who is on her final year with the Juniors ITF, as she will turn 18 this December.

The four-time Northern Marianas Sports Association/

Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Year added that leaving Saipan and her family to train in Fiji was one of the toughest decisions she made and she's glad she took the gamble.

"I was scared when I left home. I took the risk for a better future in tennis and school and I am not regretting the choice I made. I made a lot of accomplishments through my training in Fiji and because of all the people who helped me in this journey," said Lee, who is now in Korea where she competed in a national event and is also awaiting two more Juniors ITF tournaments.

The CNMI tennis player added that she will be forever grateful to OTF and ITF for all the opportunities they gave her. She also acknowledged the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association for paving the way for her stay at the regional facility in Fiji.



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SAIPAN TRIBUNE



By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

wo members of Team CNMI advanced to the 2019 Obstacle Course Races World Championships in London after surviving the Trench Challenge held in Guam late last month.

James Lee and Rod-OCR ney Camacho made the grade in the Guam qualifier and will be flying out this week as the Commonwealth's first representatives to the OCR World Championships that will be held on

"Competition begins Friday, starting with a 3-kilometer plus 24 obstacles then Saturday with a 15K distance with 100 obstacles. We will be carrying

The CNMI's James Lee goes through one of the obstacle courses featured in the Trench Challenge in Guam late last month.

CNMI the 68th country to participate at the OCR World Championship," said Lee.

Lee, Joe Villacrusis, Joey Tudela, Camacho, and R.J. Aquino of Team CNMI joined the Elite Division of the Trench Challenge last Sept. 29, while another Commonwealth bet, Ando Agulto, was entered in the rec-

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Carol beyond thankful to ITF

our CNMI flag to this event making



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

CNMI junior player Carol Lee left the ation International

Tennis Federation/Oceania Tennis Federation training center in Fiji for good after three fruitful years at the regional facility.

"It has been a pleasure and honor to train in Fiji for three years. I improved a lot since I took the scholarship offer when I was 15. I learned not only about tennis, but also about the responsibilities of living on my own and working with other people I consider my second family," Lee said.

The 17-year-old received an invite to train and study at the regional facility in 2017 after dominating the Pa-

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Caravan's downs AK

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Caravan's moved up to solo third place in the team standings in the 2019

Kroll Marianas International Basketball League following an 87-68 win over AK Toyota last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Caravan's holds a 4-2 record, just close behind No. 2 IT&E (4-2) and Saipan Vegas (6-0), while AK dropped to a 2-4 slate for a tie for ninth to eighth place with Aqua Resort Club.

AK Toyota was doomed from the start, as it was held to two field goals in the first period, allowing Caravan's to build a commanding 26-4 lead. Kelvin Fitial nailed the two baskets for AK Toyota, while Ken Viray blew away their opponents after firing 17 points. Four other Caravan's players scored in the opening canto for the team's 22-point advantage.

Viray then slowed down a bit in the second period, making only 6 points, while AK Toyota picked up its scoring to cut the deficit to 12 at halftime 29-41. Fitial and Jorge De Guzman tried to rally AK Toyota back into the game and had some success with the latter delivering 13 points and the former adding 8.



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Caravan's Melvin Villarin, right, takes off for a point-blank shot against AK Toyota's Kelvin Fitial during their game in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

However, with only Fitial and De Guzman consistently making baskets in the second half, AK Toyota failed to overhaul the deficit in

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